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Time now for talks, says Adams

# Ceasefire call to the IRA by Sinn Fein

From Martin Fletcher and Nicholas Watt in belfast and Philip Webster

THE IRA was last night expected to declare a ceasefure response to a call from Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein

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Mr Adams said he had called on the IRA leadership to estore the 18-month ceasefire that ended with the Docklands boneb in February 1996 because the Labour Government had removed the obsta-Cles to serious peace talks posed by John Major's adminstration. He expected a swift and positive response.

An unequivocal Fein to join the all-party peace negotiations set to begin on eptember 15, but there were erious doubts developing last night about whether those

gotiations will take place. Unionists were dismissive of the TRA move engiting it was nothing more than a factic to get Sinn Fein into the talks: It had come, they said, after the Government had made serious concessions to Republicans, with an assurance that the decommissioning of terrorist weapons was not needed before Sinn Fein could

Peter Robinson, the Democratic Unionist Party deputy leader, said: "Why would the IRA not call a ceasefire? They have got everything they have

The ceasefire move comes after considerable movement in the past few weeks, includ-



Adams: "assurances by London and Dublin"

ing telephone and written contacts between Sinn Fein and the Northern Ireland Office under Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary. But after a meeting in London vester lay Ms Mowlam and Ray Burke the Irish Foreign Minister, said they were standing firmly behind a joint document on the decommissioning of iRA weapons that Unionist leaders have labelled imacceptable.

The Unionist parties are threatening to vote the document down on Wednesday because it offers no guarantee that decommissioning will begin early in the talks and they believe Sinn Fein wans to negotiate with "guns under

In calling for a ceasefire, Mr Adams said he had received the assurances he needed that

the British and Irish governments were committed to serious negotiations on the future of Northern Ireland without preconditions. Those negotiations would be completed within a stated timeframe. The decommissioning issue would not be allowed to block negotiations. No outcome would be precluded, meaning that Northern Ireland's position within the United Kingdom could be debated.

Mr Adams said his announcement was also based on the commitment of Bertie Ahern, the new Irish Prime Minister, to pushing for "significant and substantial change" benefiting the nationalist community in Northern

In an aside, he said he was confident that the mistakes that were made by the former: Taoiseach, John Bruton, will not be repeated and that Sinn Fein will be accorded full equality of treatment."

Since the election Tony Blair's Government has, despite Unionist anger, gone out of its way to meet Sinn Fein's concerns. It has made clear that the decommissioning issue would be considered in parallel with, and not before, serious peace talks. It offered Sinn Fein admittance to those talks within six weeks of an unequivocal ceasefire, and an assurance that the talks would be completed by next May. It

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Prince's party. Camilla Parker Bowles arrives at the Prince of Wales's country retreat in Gloucestershire last night for her 50th birthday celebration

### Champagne birthday at Highgrove

EIGHTY close friends of the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles gathered at his country estate in Gloucestershire last night for a party to celebrate her 50th birthday. It was the most public of private events, trumpet-

ed as a milestone in the couple's affair. Mrs Parker Bowles was the first guest to arrive. Wearing a dark blue sleeveless silk dress and a glittering

cameras before being driven through the Street Farm entrance of the Prince's country retreat.

She was sitting in the passenger seat in a black Vauxhall Omega estate as the car went through the gates of Highgrove House shortly after 7

As other guests arrived half an hour later, they were ushered into the reception room for champagne and

was kept safely at arm's length outside the gates of the well-protected 350-acre estate. Dinner was served in a 120ft marquee

Last-minute arrivals included the disco from Joffins, which provides music for the Dorchester Club, and a lorry from the Convenience Company carrying portable lavatories.

The weather for the event was perfect, if muggy, and guests were

dinner dancing to classics from the last 40 years played by an orchestra. The guests included many friends

who had known the Prince and Mrs Parker Bowles since their youth. Among them was expected to be her exhusband, Brigadier Andrew Parker

The guest list included most of the close circle Continued on page 2, col 7

### Cash pours into building societies

Nearly £2 billion poured into building societies last month as speculators bet on which would be the next to convert into a bank. The head of the **Building Societies Association** said: This reveals the intense pressure societies are under from carpethaggers"....Page 25

### Warm spell

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As schools in England and Wales break up, forecasters said the weather would be warm and snany next week. Forecast, page 24

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### Sotheby's ends regular London antiquity sales over 'smuggling'

By Stephen Farrell and Dalya Alberge

SOTHEBY'S is to end regular antiquities sales in London: The decision comes five months after allegations that the firm sold artefacts that had been smuggled into Britain. Now the world's oldest auction house will hold only. occasional sales in London from collections of unques-

tioned provenance. All other sales will go to New York. Two of Sotheby's leading London experts, Oliver Forge, head of antiquities, and Brendan Lynch, head of the Islamic and Indian department, left the company this week in the wake of the decision.

Sotheby's move has been prompted by increasing concern among archaeologists that the £100 million international antiquities market encourages looting and the illicit excavation of religious sites in such countries as India, Italy

BY DALYA ALBERGE

AKTS CORRESPONDENT

LONDON'S South Bank Centre is to be renamed The

Paul Hamlyn Centre on the

South Bank after a multi-

million-pound gift from one of

Britain's most generous

philanthropists.
The reclusive Paul Hamlyn,

who shares the fortune he

made in publishing with

needy arts and charitable

carises, is believed to have

given as much as £17 million

the complex. The South Bank Centre Hamlyn's donation, which

A far-reaching internal review of Sotheby's international dealings and auction-room practices was announced in February by Diana Brooks, its New York-based chief executive. Her decision came after disclosures by Peter Watson in Sotheby's: Inside Story, which was serialised in The Times. He and investigators from

the Channel 4 Dispatches programme secretly filmed Indian dealers boasting that they smuggled artefacts removed from religious sites that later appeared in Sotheby's catalogues. There was no evidence that Sotheby's knew the source of the items. The investigators also video-

taped Roeland Kollewijn, Sotheby's Milan Old Masters expert, offering to smuggle a 19th-century portrait to London. He later resigned. The internal review is ex-

tumn, but a Sotheby's spokes-

would not confirm the figure, but described it as one of the

largest-ever contributions by a

private individual to an arts

the planned transformation of

the decaying Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Purcell Room, Poetry Library

and Hayward Gallery. The Centre is awaiting news

within the next few weeks on

its bid for lottery money from

the Arts Council and National

Heritage Memorial Fund for the £151 million scheme. Mr

The money will go towards

project in Britain.

pected to report in the au-

man confirmed last night that the withdrawal from London was part of a continuous process. He said: "It has always been Sotheby's policy to be sensitive to issues of patrimony and heritage. In response, however, to recently expressed concerns on these issues, Sotheby's is making modifications in its Indian and its Antiquities departments. We will continue to hold certain single-owner sales in London, when appro-

Reputation and integrity matter must Sotheby's to review code of conduct

Hamlyn gives name and £17m to South Bank

From The Times dated February 11 this year

The spokesman added that Mr Lynch and Mr Forge, both with Sotheby's for more than 15 years, had "decided to leave in the light of the modifications. They left on good

Christie's yesterday con-firmed that it would continue to hold its June and November sales. A spokesman said: "The market is fine, and there are still a lot of major European collections out there." The Sotheby's move was

welcomed by Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, the Cambridge archaeologist and Master of Jesus College who in February called for the auction house to abandon its antiquities sales. "Such a move will do much to restore the standing of the London market," he said. Peter Watson said: "They

have done the right thing. The evidence we had spoke for itself, and I am pleased that

### Ousted Tory MPs still seek jobs

By STAFF REPORTERS

ALMOST a third of the Conservative MPs who lost their seats at the general election have yet to find full-time employment.

A survey by The Times of the 127 defeated Tories found that 37 are still looking for work or taking time off to consider their options.

A further ten are making a precarious living from parttime consultancies or occasional lecturing and media work. Six have retired.

Among several Cabinet ministers without full-time work are Michael Forsyth, lan Lang and Jeremy Hanley.

Many former MPs did not expect to lose and had made no preparations for life outside Parliament. As several former MPs' wives said: "There is nothing more 'ex' than an ex-MP." The average age of the defeated Tories is 53.

they have acknowledged that." Defeated Tories, pages 12, 13



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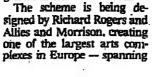
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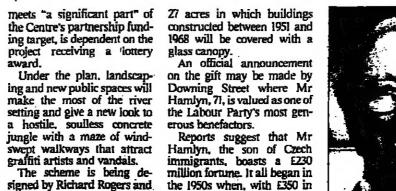
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# 'Let Prince Charles remarry'

### Call by Labour moderniser is seen as a tacit signal from Blair

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

constitutional issues.

the issue were not known.

'hilarious", he added.

Since the Church of Eng-

land was created to solve Henry VIII's marriage prob-

had a whole train of disreputa-

ble and dissolute monarchs

and this didn't seem to produce a problem for the Church of England." he continued.

AN AIDE to one of Tony Blair's closest colleagues yes-terday urged the Church of England to let the Prince of Wales marry Camilla Parker

Tony Wright, a parliamen-tary aide to Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, said that a constitutional crisis could occur if the Church tried to stand in the way of the marriage. Mr Wright, who chaired the all-party group on the constitution in the last Parliament, said yesterday that he did not think the "sky would fall in" if the Prince wanted to marry.

"Most people would rather have a happy monarch than an unhappy monarch." he said on BBC Radio 4's Today

Mr Wright's intervention was seen as a tacit signal that Mr Blair had no intention of standing in the way of the Prince remarrying. Downing Street stressed that Mr Wright was talking in a personal capacity and had not cleared the interview in advance.

But Mr Wright, MP for Cannock and Burntwood, was not slapped down for speaking out of turn. Although he is not a member of Mr Blair's inner sanctum, he is a Labour

Wright advice to the

Church of England

'Now suddenly we've got Charles wanting to marry Camilla and the sky's going to fall in. It's an absolute nonsense and if they [the Church] go on like this, we shall end with disestablishment." If the Prince did marry Mrs Parker Bowles, said Mr Wright, "life will continue".

Mr Wright immediately

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came under fire from Sir James Hill, an former Tory MP and former chairman of the Conservative backbench committee on constitutional affairs. He said that Labour had not learnt "the rudiments of being in Government yet. The Lord Chancellor, if he ever wants to make a state ment, would have to do it in



The Queen meeting members of Derby County Football Club yesterday at the opening of its new stadium

the pomp and circumstance of the House of Lords, but a Parliamentary Private Secretary speaking almost as a casual observer isnt quite the shouldn't allow this. Dr Wright should leave it to his

master. It rather smacks of this new cosying up between Charles and the Labour Party. "They must have said, 'Now's the time to get Camilla accepted by the British public,

and we as a political party can see nothing wrong with that." Earlier, the Rev David director of Church Society, said that the Prince had to decide between putting his duty first and becoming King, or continuing sands of other fans and more his relationship with Mrs than 10,000 schoolchildren.

Parker Bowles. "We're not looking for a plaster saint, but we are looking for someone to be a role model," he said. Men did get entangled with women, "but you have to say, 'I have marriage vows which I must keep'."

Oueen ☐ The the newest soccer opened ground in the Premiership League, Derby County's £18 million Pride Park Stadium.

The 30,000-capacity all-seater arena, half a mile from Derby city centre, is the club's new home after 102 years at the Baseball Ground. The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque in front of 15,000 season-ticket holders, thou-

### Highgrove party

Continued from page 1 friends who accept their partnership, and Mrs Parker Bowles's own small coterie of close acquaintances, most from the horse-riding county set in which she is at home. Members of the Prince's

own family were noticeably absent. Reports also suggest that there have been some refusals among the couple's own set, who are said to have felt they were being used as part of a concerted campaign to win Mrs Parker Bowles greater public acceptability. Mis Parker Bowles, who

ash blonde, had a private dinner with the Prince at Highgrove on Thursday - her birthday itself. On that occasion she wore a pink suit. The guests were expected to

sing Happy Birthday to Mrs Parker Bowles during the presentation of a cake crowned with 50 candles made. by Phillips, the baker, in Terbury, a mile and a half from Highgrove.

During the day several skips full of empty boxes from up-market food suppliers, including Fortnum and Mason,

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### Royal Family notably absent from Parker Bowles guest list

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE guest list at the Prince of

Nor did Diana, Princess of Wales

show up, Alan Hamilton reports

Wales's birthday party for Camilia Parker Bowles at of a media joust with the other Highgrove last night was as notable for its absences as its two points of her former attendance. Not that they marital triangle. would have been asked, but other members of the Royal Family found themselves conveniently scattered about the

country, and otherwise heavily engaged.
Of all the possible invitees, Diana, Princess of Wales, was the least possible of all. She decided to prolong her holi-day, savouring an extra day with her children as a guest of Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, with his family at their villa at St Tropez. She could have ietted back to London to steal the

Discretion, however, did not appear to be the Princess's watchword Thursday, the 50th anniversa-

ry of Mrs Parker Bowles' birthday, when she frolicked in the water in full view of the paparazzi, drawing admiring babble from fashion commentators that she had become an attractively well-rounded 36-year-old with no trace of the old bulimia, nervousness, or other afflictions of her past.

For the reporters and cam-eramen still patrolling the St Tropez waterfront, yesterday was disappointing, with no further sightings of the leopardskin swimsuit which

has earned their keep for most of the week. On Thursday the Princess went nightclubbing until 4am, and lay late abed

The Princess is expected to fly back to London with the princes today, when her ormer husband's celebration Spokesmen for Mr Al Fayed were smooth in their assurances that his guest had always intended to stay until today anyway, but the boys on the barge with the big lenses

yesterday morning.

The Princess apart, members of the royal family kept a safe distance from last night's event. The Queen, having spent the day touring Derby-shire, retreated to the safe Castle, while the Duke of Edinburgh visited a yacht club in Bridlington, cast Yorkshire.

The Princess Royal, her brother's near neighbour in way to the north of Scotland: His aunt Princess Margaret was visiting girl guides in Wales, while his great aunt Princess Alexandra was taking the salute at the Royal

The Duke of York was, however, in the vicinity, attending a services dinner at RAF Fairford, Gloucester shire. There was no sugges-tion that he might look in on the Highgrove disco later. Two other impossibly unlike-York and Princess Michael of Kent, were reportedly on their way to separate holidays in the south of France.

### Adams sees 'commitment to change' the Irish Government and

made by Gerry Adams read:

tabloid headlines, but she

appears to have decided that discretion was the better part

"I have made it clear over the 18 months since the collapse of the peace process that I would only approach the IRA to restore their cessation if I was confident that their response would be positive.

This, in my view, required the reconstruction of the two pillars on which the peace process was initially constructed. Firstly, the commitment by the two Governments to inclusive peace talks. Given that the commitment by the previous British Government to inclusive negotiations were reneged on after the IRA cessation of August 1994, what was needed were assurances that inclusive and meaningful negotiations would be in place. Specifically; that the negotiations would be without pre-conditions; that the negotiations would be conducted within a stated timeframe; that the negotiations would be based on equality of treatment: that there would be no attempt to pre-determine the outcome; that no outcome was

ations; and finally, that the negotiations would be enhanced by specified confi-dence-building measures with a particular focus on the equality agenda and demilitarisation, including the issue of prisoners. The process of obtaining detail and clarity on these issues has been pains-

sive contacts it is clear that there is a shared commitment to significant and substantial change, to issues of equality part of Sinn Fein. the SDLP.

taking but essential. Secondly, following inten-

there is the potential to resolve the conflict on the basis of an agreed and democratic peace settlement among all the Irish people. There is an onus on the two Governments, and in particular, on the British Government, to demonstrate the political will necessary. This

### Adams call to IRA

Republic.

Continued from page 1 also maintained contact with Sinn Fein despite continuing IRA atrocities.

Ministers have also signalled to Sinn Fein that they would introduce a series of confidence-building measures including the speedy transfer of IRA prisoners back to Ireland and reform of the RUC. In a letter to Sinn Fein made public on Thursday the Government said Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, would August 1994.

allow four unnamed IRA pris-oners in British jails to finish their sentences in the Irish

Mr Adams' announcement, which was unexpected, followed a private meeting with John Hume, leader of the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party, on Thursday night. The Sinn Fein leader followed an identical pattern before the IRA announced its last ceaselire in

Irish-American opinion. In enge to the Unionist leaders addition, I am confident that because a political will, of tal and thorough-going politby John Bruton, the former Taoiseach, will not be repeatical and constitutional change. ed and that Sinn Fein will be There will be no return to accorded full equality of Unionist domination. As an lrish republican party. Sinn Fein will be guided by our aim If the political will exists of a united freland. We will be seeking an end to British rule in Ireland and we will be asserting the constitutional rights of Irish nationalists. We will also be encouraging the Irish Government and others to do likewise. In any agreed political settlement the political allegiance of northern nationalists must be given expression and effect. There must, also, be immediate political action to achieve equalityof treatment and a speedy demilitarisation of the entire situation, including the release of all those who have been imprisoned as a result of

> The IRA leadership assured us that they would respond without delay to our request The Sinn Fein leadership is also prepared, if requested, to provide a detailed report and assessment to any other

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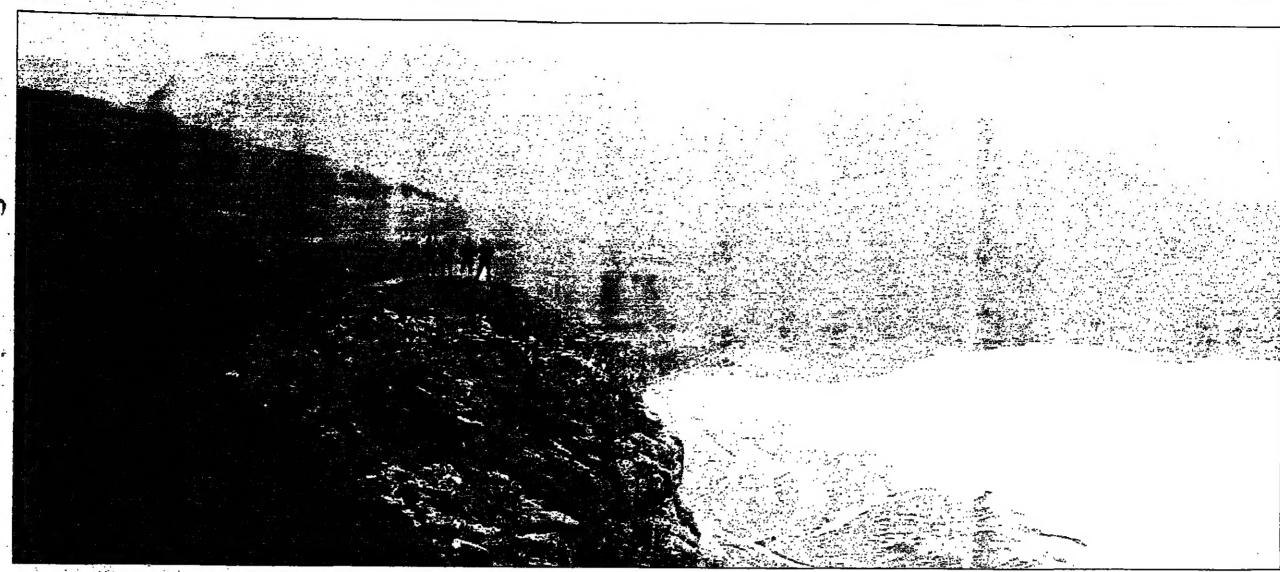
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# Walkers have new mountains to climb



Climbers on top of a Munro in the Torridon area, admiring the view. Anyone still tackling the 277 peaks over 3000 ft must now tackle an extra eight hills after the decision to increase the number

### Shirley English finds that 'Munro baggers' face an uphill task

MUNRO baggers who thought it was safe to hang up their boots after climbing all 277 mountains over 3,000 feet in Scotland are being forced to think again.
The Scottish Mountaineer-

ing Club, which compiles tables of Munros, is about to add a further eight peaks to the official list later this year. For the hardy bunch of dedicated climbers determined to "bag" all the lofty peaks in their lifetime, it means their holy grail has now moved a little further out of reach.

The new edition of the tables, to be published in October/November, will also remove one old Munro from the list now not thought worthy of the title.

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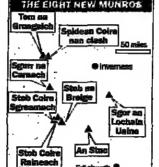
deemed too small. In total instead of 277.

The changes have nothing to do with sudden alterations in the landscape, but are the result of a whim of the mountaineering club, which has decided to alter the way it classifies the peaks and tops, The 1,750 Munroists, who

over the past 106 years have bagged" all the Munros, will not be affected. They will be allowed to keep their Munro tie, if male, or brooch, if female. However those close to conquering all 277 will now have eight extra peaks to climb and if they have already

- in effect, they will have gone up a mountain and come down a hill.

Yesterday Donald Bennet, publications manager for the Scottish Mountaineering Trust, said he hoped the alterations would be welcomed by climbers keen for a new challenge. But he admitted the list was largely subjec tive: "I would hope that most hill walkers and climbers will think it's great that they've got an excuse to get back out on the mountains." The move is meant to complete a process started 16 years ago when a number of tops were reclassified and promoted to Munros in their own right. Over the



The peaks were named after pioneer Sir Hugh Munro

238 peaks was compiled by Sir Hugh Munro in 1891, a Vicwill have wasted their breath has fluctuated. The first list of taineering Club, whose name 279 in 1953, then dropping to time to get back out there

became the generic term for

the highest peaks. By 1921 there were 276 Munros. This erew. reachine

Metrification transformed Munros into peaks higher than 914.4 metres, a less magical figure. The number reached 277 in 1990 when the

while in the

the height of a peak once thought too small. Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sport Secretary and the only parliamentary Munroist, completed his final peak in May 1989, 24 years

Ordnance Survey reassessed

after climbing his first as a 13-He said yesterday: "I will be examining the new peaks with interest to see if I have been over them. If not I will

again." Other famous Munrobaggers included the late Labour leader John Smith, who took up walking for fitness after his heart attack in 1988. He had a map dotted with around 100 red pins, representing Munros conquered, at Westminster

Cameron McNeish, mountain writer and broadcaster. said, said many would have to go over old ground to take in the new tops: "It all adds to the rather daft nature of Munro-bagging, but being cynical I can't help thinking that when the Munro Tables come round for reprint every five or six years it makes good commercial sense to come up

Sir Hugh Munro attempted ridge, Cairngorms).

to climb all the peaks dressed in a kilt and Balmoral bonnet. He bagged all but two. the Inaccessible Pinnacle on Skye and Carn Clioch-mhuling in the Cairngorms, which he was keeping until last. He died of pneumonia in France in 1919, aged 63, before he could tackle them.

The eight new Munros are Stob Coire Raineach (on Buachaille Etive Beag ridge, Glencoe); Stob na Broige (Buachaille Etive Mor, Glencoe); Stob Coire Sgreamach (Bidein nam Bian, Glencoe); Spidean Coire nan clash (Beinn Eighe, Wester Ross); Tom na Gruagaich (Beinn Alligin, Wester Ross): An Stuc (Ben Lawers group, Central Highlands): Sgurr na Carnach (Five Sisters of Kintall ridge): and Sgor an Lochain Unine, or Angel's

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### , Mayday as drink kills Russian

By A STAFF REPORTER

A RUSSIAN sailor died and another had to be flown ashore in a Royal Navy helicopter yesterday after they drank large quantities of in-dustrial alcohol on their ship.

The two men fell seriously ill as the merchant ship MV Vladimire Vysotskiy sailed in the southern Caribbean, north of Venezuela. The Royal Navy ship HMS Norfolk responded to a mayday call in the early hours and a Lynx helicopter with medical staff flew to the

A spokesman for the Royal Navy said: "Unfortunately one of the men had already died by the time the helicopter arrived. The other man was winched onto the helicopter and flown to the sick bay of HMS Norfolk. He has now been transferred to a hospital in Aruba in the Dutch Antilles, where he is still seriously

Alcohol is banned on the Russian ship and it appears that the two men turned to methanol, normally used as a solvent, in desperation. HMS Norfolk was en route from the Panama Canal to Tortola in the British Virgin islands.

### Boy died after doctor cut artery

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGE boy died after an operation in which a surgeon accidentally cut one of his main arteries, an inquest has been told.

Mark Smith, who was studying for his GCSEs, was taken to hospital after suffering stomach pains and sickness just a month before sitting his exams. Doctors diagnosed a blockage in his small bowel and he was operated on at the East Surrey Hospital During surgery Peter Bird, who was conducting the operation, mistakenly cut a main artery with a

The inquest at Chertsey, Surrey, heard how the teen-ager made a quick recovery and, in a matter of days, had returned to his home in Crawley, West Sussex. However, only a few days later he awoke his parents in the early hours suffering from extreme

abdominal pains. At Thursday's inquest his parents, Richard and Ann, relived the two hours in which their son's condition deteriorated until he was pronounced dead in the accident and emergency unit on May 25 this

year. The inquest was told how repeated attempts to find Mark's medical notes were

fruitless. The hearing was told that Mark was taken for a series of tests but collapsed during some X-rays. His blood pressure fell and he went into

Dr Fuad Jinadu said that had he known of the surgical mishap Mark could have been operated on straight away in a bid to clamp his artery and stem the flow of blood. He was not told of the problem until after Mark's death.

Mr Bird, who originally operated on Mark, said he believed that Mark's fatal bleeding had begun on Sunday when he first experienced severe pains in his abdomen.

A post-mortem examination showed that the infected cut had begun bleeding possibly for two days before Mark collapsed — and had then finally burst, leaving four pints of blood in the boy's abdomen. Recording a verdict of accidental death. Surrey Coroner Michael Burgess said that Mark's death had been caused due to haemorrhage.

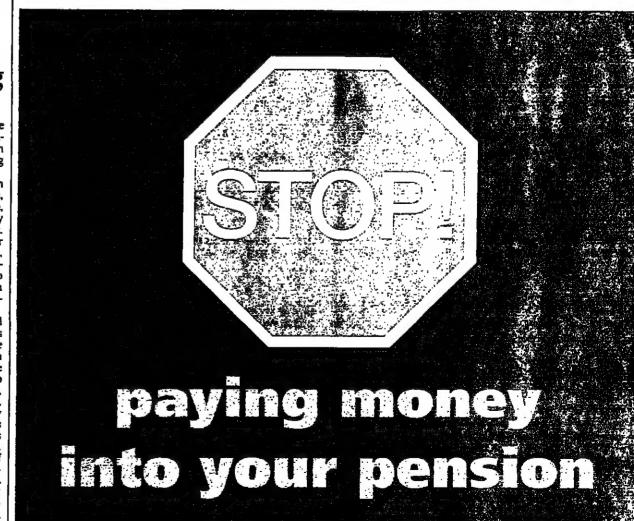
### **Daughter** gets life for stabbing

By A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN was jailed for life yesterday for stabbing her 51year-old mother to death on the day before Mothering

Sunday. Michelle Pearce, 28, from Corby, Northamptonshire, stabbed Pat Pearce, a divorcée, more than 30 times as she lay in bed on March 16 last year. The prosecution said her motive might never be known. although Pearce was in finan-cial difficulties and stood to benefit by £50,000 from an insurance policy on her moth-

She denied murder, and claimed that her mother was seen alive after the time she was alleged to have been stabbed. After the verdict, the jury was told that she also faced a second murder charge, over a former boyfriend, David Anderson, 28, in Corby in January 1990. He was found dead after a car he was sitting in caught fire in Corby. A coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death after an inquest seven years ago. Yesterday Mr Justice Eady recorded a formal verdict of not guilty on the case after the prosecution offered no evidence.



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### Wreck salvage team ordered to halt

AN OPERATION to salvage the wreck of an 18th-century packet ship lost off the north Cornish coast over 200 years ago was ordered to stop atmidnight last night.

The order to protect the wreck of the Hanover was made by Tony Banks, the Culture, Media and Sport Minister, under the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973. On Thursday it emerged that 14 historic cannon have been brought out of the wreck, off Cligga Head, near Perranporth, by treasure hunters hoping to raise gold bullion worth up to £50 million.

Three of the two-ton cannon were raised from the sea onto a diving rig where they are wrapped in sacking to preserve them. The remainder are still under water near the rig. The team salvaging the wreck of the square-rigged



searching for wreck

Royal Mail ship, which sank in a storm in 1763, is being led by Colin Martin, 35, chairman of the Cornish salvage firm Hydrasalve.

He spent ten years hunting for the wreck and has had a team of about 25 working

form for the past three weeks. Pumps have been used to clear sand which had covered the vessel, which sank on route from Portugal to Falmouth. It was believed to be carrying gold coins then worth £60,000, but which would now worth millions. The department said yester-

day the order made it an offence to interfere with the wreck, or to carry out diving or salvage operations without a licence from the Secretary of "The current operations

have to stop," said a spokes man, who said the department's interest was the archaeological value of the site. Mr Martin would need to apply for a licence from the Secretary of State if he wanted

Although the department

fully to have the site designated a protected wreck, said its experts did not believe there was any bullion at the site. The spokesman said: "Salvage continued for two years after the ship was wrecked. and it seems likely any treasure left on board would have

started.

months, they had not known

the precise location of the site, and diving had only recently

A spokesman for the Post

Office, which tried unsuccess-

been recovered." It was,

though, concerned about artefacte The salvage firm said last night it was "considering its options with its advisers". The company was shocked at the department's decision. Its prime concern was the safety

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# Dearing to reject Ivy League call

John O'Leary predicts proposals for intensified student recruitment

next week. He will urge the Government to take the brakes off the recruitment of

The report, to be published on Wednesday, will acknowledge concerns about the quality of some courses and recommend that research funding is concentrated on a limited number of centres of excellence. But Sir Ron's committee, which includes five vice-chancellors, has set its face against formal divisions of universities and will cour-

Leading universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, have become increasinstitutions. ingly dissatisfied with the allocation of state funding for Instead, the report will back higher education. There have

been growing calls for a British equivalent of the elite group of universities in the United States. Sir Ron is expected to recommend more selective distribution of research funds. but to argue that British universities do not lend themselves to

simple categorisation. Centres

of excellence outside the lead-

ing universities would be 40 per cent. But he is expected damaged by the creation of a premier league" of research extra students should take

continued diversity in the university system, with re-newed expansion. The proportion of 18-year-olds going on to higher education has doubled in the past ten years, but there is a freeze on the recruitment

Sir Ron will side with business leaders, who have called for the present 30 per cent of young people going into higher education to rise to at least shorter courses than the ubiquitous three-year degree.

He was impressed on a visit to Japan, where half of young people opt for expensive higher education, with the variety of courses and types of

The committee's report will run to more than 1,000 pages and will take account of 6,000 pages of written evidence. The recommendations have been produced in 14 months, compared with more than two years taken by the Robbins Committee, which produced the last major report on higher education in the 1960s.

Many of those submitting evidence expressed concern about the quality of some degree courses. The committee will conclude that British higher education is still well respected internationally, but faces decline without a fresh injection of funds. Science and engineering are the areas of greatest concern, while some overseas courses have fallen below acceptable standards. Tuition fees of more than

realistic source of sufficient money to maintain quality, But Sir Ron is expected to make a special plea for Government action to help univer-sities over their immediate funding problems. Vice-chancellors have estimated that they face a £3 billion shortfall by the end of the decade, and fees introduced for new students only in 1999 would not close the funding gap.

Sir Ron, conscious that he will be establishing a blueprint for the next century, is anxious not to damage long-term plans for higher education with a short-term solution to the universities' difficulties.

### be denied reforms, claims Dorrell

A GOVERNMENT blueprint will mean schools lose the freedom they need to improve. Stephen Dorrell, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, claimed yesterday.

In his first speech on education since taking up his new post, Mr Dorrell warned local authority leaders that the "heavy hand of Government" was about to descend on schools. Last week's White Paper would submerge schools in a tide of bureaucracy and central prescription, he

Speaking in Bristol at the Council of Local Education Authorities, Mr Dorrell welcomed the Government's "conversion" to Tory reforms. But he said the White Paper threatened the diversity of schools, which guaranteed pa-

Mr Dorrell listed a series of ing "arbitrary restraint" on infant-class sizes, a ban on schools' use of interviews to assess applicants, and government prescription of teaching methods and homework. The Government's pledge to keep intervention to a minimum would be honoured more in the breach than the obser-

The new system of plans and targets threatened to overload teachers with adminissaid. "The need to enhance the standing and professionalism of the individual teacher is a key priority facing the educa-tion service. But how is that objective conceivably served by a Government that seeks to tell teachers how to set

homework?" Mr Dorrell also said the Government had made no attempt to cost many of the proposals in the White Paper, and had left key policy details

### Schools to | Prize book about drugs may be filmed for schools

THE prize-winning novel about a teenage girl who become a heroin addict after running away from her fam-ily may be filmed for schools television.

Exclusive film and tele vision rights to Junk, a 1997 Carnegie Medal winner, have been secured by Zenith North, which made The Famous Five programmes. Melvin Burgess's book tells

the love story of two 14-yearolds as they spiral into heroin addiction and prostitution.

Accepting his prize on Wed-nesday this week, Burgess hit out at "frothing parents and fundamentalists" who tried to restrict the subject matter of children's literature. "These educational anoraks froth loud enough and long enough to get whole communities to do it their way," he said. Zenith North, which also

makes ITV's Byker Grove, has already received expressions of interest for Junk from BBC Schools Drama and Channel 4. Peter Murphy, director of children's and family programming for Ze-nith, said that it had acquired the rights to Junk some time before the Carnegie Prize announcement. "We had a shrewd idea it would win."

The company won critical BBC Schools Drama of look at homeless youngst Kids deserve a wide diet. It is we did it with a lot of integrity and got a lot of positive reaction, and we will do this the

same way," Mr Murphy said. But whoever became involved in co-production, Junk would not be scheduled for traditional children's viewing. he sald. Junk was likely to be shown in schools in a learning context, he added.

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Linda Watson, left, and her daughter, Amanda London-Williams, who have been remanded in custody

### Pair remanded over husband's killing

THE wife and stepdaughter of Richard When Mrs Watson was asked if she-Watson, a millionaire businessman, understood the charge she replied: "I spent last night on remand in custody charged with his murder. The pair, who had sat tearfully in court, were refused

hail after a three-hour hearing in front of Haywards Heath magistrates.

Friends and family of Linda Watson, 43. and her daughter Amanda London-Williams, 22. packed the court for the hearing. The two, now of Lingfield in Surrey, are alleged to have been concerned with an unknown third person in the shooting of Richard Watson, 55, a computer magnate, last December.

understand the allegation.

Mr Watson was shot in the neck and thest on the driveway of his luxury farmhouse in East Grinstead. West Sussex, as he stepped from his sports car.

Mrs Watson, a former model, smiled and Miss London-Williams, a ballet

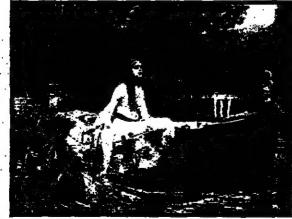
teacher, blew a kiss as friends shouted "We love you" before the pair climbed into a police van. Inside the court Miss London-Williams wiped away tears and clasped a teddy bear as the charge. Her mother stared straight ahead for most of the hearing, occasionally inquir-

most of the hearing, occasionally inquiring if her daughter was all right.

When the pair were remanded in custody there was a gasp from people sitting in the public gallery.

After the hearing Linda's brother, Alexander Millar, 54, who runs a window-cleaning company in Christ-church, Dorset, said: "My sister had nothing to do with it. Both of them could not kill arrone. They could not but a five not kill anyone. They could not burt a fly. My faith in the police has gone. I have no confidence in them at all.

### READER OFFER Exclusive private view at the Tate



Readers of The Times are invited to an exclusive party, on Tuesday, July 22, to celebrate the Tate Gallery's 100th birthday

The entire gallery will be open and works on show include special centerary displays, the Turner collection and the current exhibition of Ellsworth Kelly's works. The party is from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

You will be able to see a selection of 100 works of special interest, two rooms of Victorian and Pre-Raphaelite paintings and Henry Tate's Gift, which tells the fascinating story of the gallery's foundation, with a display of works from the original collection. Among these originals you will see the beautiful oil painting The Lady of Shalott. (above) by artist John William Waterhouse.

The current major exhibition at the Tate focuses on the work of the leading American painter Elisworth Kelly whose observations of the real world are transformed into abstact works of the greatest possible purity of colour, line

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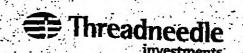
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# Strong pound sends Britons flocking to sun

THE peak holiday season officially begins today with an estimated 300,000 package holidaymakers expected to fly out of Britain over the weekend. Almost as many independent travellers will head south both over and under the Channel.

A combination of a strong pound, building society wind-falls and poor weather at home has produced an unprecedented race to get away as soon as the school term ends. Almost all package holidays for the next two months have been sold with Spain and the Balearic islands again the most popular choices.

Anyone who has yet to decide where to go this summer will find little left. Demand is such that one company, Airtours, plans to impose a £20 surcharge per person on any holiday left unsold in August.
Steve Endacott. Airtours

sales and commercial director, said: "For the second year running tour operators look certain to run out of peak season holidays and the message is book it or lose it."

An additional two million Britons will visit France this year. With the pound worth francs and the centre of Paris three hours away by train, France has become the fashionable destination. Pascal Holiday firms are celebrating

big sales this

summer, reports

Harvey Elliott

French; Government Tourist Office, said that there had already been an increase of at least 20 per cent in the number of British visitors, and many tour operators claimed twice as many customers as last

level," M Saint-Père said. This year we will see the return of the two million who stayed away when the franc was under eight to the pound. With prices stable the difference the strong pound has made in real spending power compared with last year is enormous."

Le Shuttle is competing hard for cross-Channel car traffic. It expects to have half the Dover to Calais market by the end of the year.

Gites are also back in favour after a slump in interest from the British. Britishy Ferries which sells 1,300 gite holidays claims that sales are up by 71 Saint-Père, director of the per cent on last year. Xavier Schouller, general manager of Brittany Ferries Holidays, said: This success answers all the gloomy reports of last year that the gite was dead as a holiday concept."

Those heading to the South

of France, however, are likely to find high winds and sudden storms while much of Spain will have rain, according to the London Weather Centre. Gatwick, Britain's biggest holiday airport, expects to see about 108,000 passengers pass through today and more than 112,000 on Sunday. We're handling about 40,000 more

At least 10 per cent of British Airways flights will still be disrupted because of the lingering effects of last week's cabin crew strike. Services should be back to normal by

than during the same week-

end last year." a spokeswom-

In Britain, meanwhile it will be a dry and sunny weekend but the bad weather is forecast to return by Thursday.

Many roadworks have been suspended to try to prevent the worst of the jams but the AA still predicted trouble.

The first weekend of school summer holidays is always extremely busy" said a spokes-man. The good news for those left behind at work was that at



A collection of junk: part of the prize-winning exhibit that was described by an admirer as "a celebration of the activity of people



Takahashi: explanation is complicated, she said

### Artist cleans up with pile of junk

IT LOOKS like the inside of some suburban garages. In fact, it is a work of art. The difference is that, while the person who leaves this kind of mess at home might risk being nagged to clean it up, the artist won a £5,000 prize.

Tomoko Takahashi, 31, went round an art college that is hosting Britain's largest annual exhibition of contemporary art, and piled two rooms with junk and scrap she found. She gave it the title The Painting Storage Department and Left Overs from the Painting Department.

Her work, which took seven days, includes paint-splattered old desks, lockers, planks of wood, and hundreds of

cigarette butts. It won first prize against 36 other entrants in the EAST exhibition, to show the presence of many people, part-funded by the Arts Council of England and the Henry Moore Foundaalthough all the cigarette butts come from me," said the 20-a-day smoker, who tion, at the Norwich School of Art and lives in Islington, north London, and Design and the Sainsbury Centre at the studied at Goldsmiths and the Slade.

University of East Anglia One cigarette butt is glued one to the The Japanese artist said: "I wanted to heel of an upturned old shoe. There are amplify the fact that this was not a also stacks of plastic chairs, desks, old gallery, it was an art school. I wanted to nails strewn on the floor, scraps of show the things that are always taken wallpaper in a cupboard, a broken ruler away before an exhibition. I was and paint pots. interested in colour, and the furniture has something to do with colour

Lynda Morris, the Norwich gallery's curator, said: "It is first and foremost about people. It is a celebration of the

### given crisp reprimand

By CAROL MIDGLEY

GARY LINEKER'S new crisps advertisement was yesterday ruled too raunchy for

The Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre said the 30second film, which features the Spice Girls, was too suggestive and not suitable to be seen by children.

The commercial will now be screened only in the evenings. A ten-second expurgated version will be made for daytime viewers

The centre, which vets comercials before they go on air. objected to the dialogue. Lineker is shown walking past the five Spice Girls in a ightelub. Each tries to tempt the former football star with phrases such as "Have you cored recently?".

That remark and Scary Spice Mel B's "Wanna play ball?" were considered to have overstepped the mark.

### Lineker ad Continental soot spoils country air

DANGEROUS levels of tiny flecks of soot and dust linked to heart attacks and breathing difficulties are being blown to Britain from the Continent, scientists say. The discovery follows findings that country air is sometimes almost as polluted as city air.

The research indicates that expensive plans to reduce such pollution in cities by cracking down on diesel vehicles may have limited value unless action is taken by other European countries.

The findings, published in the journal Atmospheric Enviment, have come from Stephen Dorling of the University of East Anglia in Norwich and Andrew King of IMC Consulting in Burton-on-Trent. The researchers looked concentrations of particles measured at monitoring stations in cities and the countryside during two pollution incidents last year, between January 19 and February 4,

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During the second incident, London were 61 microgramme per cubic metre, but levels in rural Kent were almost as high at 52 microgrammes. If the pollution had been

caused by city sources, there should have been a much greater discrepancy between the city and countryside monitoring sites. The team, funded by the Department of the Environment, found that the pollution coincided with winds emanating from main-

land Europe".

John Steadman of AEA Technology, which runs the National Environmental Technology Centre at the Culham Laboratories, found that during the March inci-dent in 1996, rural monitoring sites in Essex and Notting hamshire broke the health limit for between ten and 13 days. The breaches in city sites were between ten and 15 days.



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### Police fail to find missing boy, 9

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A SEARCH was continuing last night for a nine-year-old Aberdeen boy missing since Thursday lunchtime. Scott Simpson, of Powis Circle. Aberdeen, was last seen at shops near his home. Earlier he had been seen near a playing field chatting to a "weird man".

He had left home at lunchtime to play with friends. When he had not returned by 9.45pm his parents started searching for him before calling police. More than 70 police officers and Aberdeen mountain rescue team joined local volunteers to comb parks and waste ground in the area and conduct house-to-house inquiries yesterday. Police divers were searching the River Don not far from his home last

Maureen Brown, Grampian Police inspector, said Scott had been sighted alone near local shops three hours after he had been seen speaking to a man in the park where he had been playing football. "We are concerned for him because he is aged 9. He might turn up.lt is possible that he might have crept in somewhere to sleep;" she said.

Police said the search would continue until dark and resume at first light if Scott had still not returned home. Scott's parents, Patsy, 32 and Dennis, 36, were last night desperately waiting to here from him. But tearful Mrs Simpson added: "He is a happy little boy and very sensitive. He would be very friendly to strangers and I am worried he might have gone away with someone."

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Blair stakes his authority on Welsh plebiscite

treated to a double act yesterday. Tony Blair had come to the Principality to stake his authority on the campaign for a Welsh assembly. But it was also an occasion for Mr Blair and Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, to put on a united front and enthuse the Welsh nation that an assembly would give them 'a strong voice".

The venue was straight from central casting -Llancalach Fawr Manor - on Mr Davies's home ground in his South Wales constituency of Caerphilly. In the summer of 1045 Charles I had come to the house to drum up support for the royalist cause.

The trony of the situation was not lost on the Prime Minister, who joked with an audience of more than 200, saving: "We all know what happened to Charles I."

There were, however, no walk-on roles for the diehards in the Welsh Labour

Labour anxious

that plan for assembly may

be rejected by

voters, reports Valerie Elliott

Party who have declared their scepticism to devolution. Mr Blair's whistle-stop tour to Newport, Caerphilly and Cardiff also avoided confrontation with the "devo-sceptics". Instead, Mr Blair mounted a robust defence of a Welsh assembly, and urged the people to "vote yes" in the

referendum on September 18. It was clear that some people would have preferred Mr Blair's visit after the plans repeat the vote of 1979 and

Paper next Tuesday. But the Prime Minister looks set to return a number of times to Wales to lead the campaign.

Yesterday, he set out a

vision that an assembly would bring Government closer to the people and rid Wales of its present government-by-quango - there are about 130 such bodies. "The days of big government are over. The whole way the world is going is to greater decentralisation. If I was in Wales, I would vote for it. Wales has £7 billion cash every year, and the people will have a say on how

that at present were not the responsibility of the Welsh Office, such as law and order. However, the visit from Mr Blair demonstrated the nerthat the Welsh people might

Mr Blair also suggested that

an assembly would allow

people influence over areas



Tony Blair at the Llancaiach Fawr heritage centre yesterday, where he held a questions-and-answers forum

reject devolution. Their fears have been prompted also by apparent apathy — a poll for the Western Mail in Cardiff showed that 44 per cent were still undecided. There was also concern that there would be a low turn-out in the referendum while ministers are anxious to ensure convincing

A handful of Welsh Labour MPs have also indicated some anxiety. Llew Smith, MP for Biaenau Gwent, is a keen constitutionist, and has long been an opponent of devolu tion. Others, while not wholly are devo-sceptic. Denzil Davies, Llanelli: Edward Rowlands, Merthyr

Tydfil and Rhymney; and Sir Raymond Powell, Ogmore; are opposed to the use of proportional representation in elections to the assembly. While Alan Rodgers, MP for

government could be undermined by an assembly.

Their concerns have also

been fuelled by recent disclo-sures that Wales's quango state may not be fully dismantled. It seems there are a number of bodies set up by royal charter that would prove difficult to unwind.

It was clear, however, from the jubilant reception for Mr Blair yesterday that the people of Wales want their

share of attention from the new government.

An official launch for the "vote no" campaign yesterday attracted just three people Robert Hodge, 42, a Cardiff businessman, and son of financier and Jersey tax exile, Sir Julian Hodge, has agreed to act as figurehead for the campaign. His father has pledged financial support.

Ted Rowlands, page 20

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### Redwood renews call for minister to resign By Philip Webster

THE Tory leadership last night renewed its call for Lord Simon of Highbury, the former chairman of BP, to resign from the Government after claiming that as minister re-sponsible for the single mar-ket he is handling issues that affect the company, in which he has a £2 million

shareholding.
John Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary. wrote to Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, asking him to investigate the alleged conflict of interest between Lord Simon's role and the single market "action plan" that contains many items of relevance to BP.

He focused on the establishment of a common European Union energy tax, and pointed out that natural gas would be excluded from it BP was a large producer of natural gas and he could not see how Lord Simon could be involved in discussions about the matter, Mr Redwood said.

Other matters covered by the plan included the liberalisation of the gas mar-ket, the elimination of distortion in the taxation of capital income, and rules to alleviate the burden of compliance with

Sir Robin has already ruled that there is no conflict of interest in Lord Simon retain-



Lord Simon: has £2m shareholding in BP

ing his shares. But Mr Redwood, backed by William Hague, is determined to continue the campaign against the Minister for European Trade and Competitiveness. who was first attacked for not declaring his holding in the Lords' Register of Interests. Mr Redwood last night said

he could not see how a substantial shareholder in BP could represent the UK in the single-market negotiations. Matters came up in formal and informal meetings and so many items presented an actual or apparent conflict of interest for him as a BP ( shareholder. He asked what benefit BP would obtain from the proposed tax changes to

energy and capital income. Labour hit back last night, saying that Mr Redwood's attack confirmed the Tories were anti-business. "Lord Si mon is a businessman of international standing. After the election he could have continued his career, with his huge earning capacity, but instead has chosen to give up his earnings and serve the British people at no cost to them." Ian McCartney, the

### Polling time-sheets upset Tory hopefuls

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT POTENTIAL Tory candi-

dates are protesting at having to fill out time sheets to show they have spent at least six hours campaigning in the Uxbridge by election.

More than 100 would-be parliamentary candidates have been sent the forms. which they have been told to trai Office if they help in Uxbridge.

Yesterday William Hague, the Tory leader, was forced to defend the exercise, seen by some as an attempt to emulate Tony Blair's control of the Labour Party. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister. challenged Mr Hague over his "bully-boy tactics". Mr

Hague said on a visit to Uxbridge that there was nothing new about the procedure,

which had been used in one

or two by-elections to encour-age candidates to help. Mr Hague denied that would-be candidates would be rejected if they did not go to Uxbridge, but he conceded that the information would be kept on record. "We need to know of course who supported us in a particular campaign. There is nothing new

The Uxbridge by-election, to be held on July 31, was caused by the death of the sitting MP, Michael Shersby. who won the seat by a majority of 724 votes in May.

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# Woman faces jail threat for feeding birds



Barbara Simpson

thousands of birds to her home by smothering her garden with food was warned yesterday that she could go to

A council had become so exasperated with Barbara Simpson it had asked a judge to jail her for breaking an injunction forbidding her from feeding the birds at her home in the village of Preston, near Weymouth, Dorset.

Mrs Simpson, 60, agreed Crown Court not to put out

any bird seed, nuts, cheese or neighbouring houses other scraps on her lawns or throughout the day, causing surrounding pavement until her-case is heard. But Mr noise and nuisance, waiting for Mrs Simpson to feed them. Justice Kennedy allowed Mrs Environmental health officers moon to continue feeding claimed the food was some-

times strewn bin deep.

Mrs Simpson who is married to Robert, a retired newsagent, told the judge that she had not been present when the injunction was granted in December last year. Trevor mouth and Portland Borough Council, said Mrs Simpson's previous solicitor asked to be released from the case a month ago.

Neighbours protest at noise and nuisance as rooks, pigeons and starlings descend on homes

Mr Justice Kennedy said he did not think it right to proceed with an application to commit someone to prison who was not represented.

He said he would adjourn the case but only on condition that Mrs Simpson gave an undertaking not to feed the

birds in the same terms as the injunction.

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He told Mrs Simpson the birds could manage without her: "They will be able to find enough in July and August without any help from you." Outside the court Mrs

prepared to go to prison if they stopped me feeding them." She began feeding the birds 15 years ago, when a sick baby

Simpson said: "The birds are

my children and I would be

blackbird landed on her doorstep. Since then she has begun emptying bags of cheese and nuts on to her front lawn and the path each day.

Vera Marshall, a neighbour in the seaside village, said: "It's been terrible. It smells like a chicken run and when we complain she just tells us not to be unkind. It begins at 5am when all the rooks start cawing away and waking us

other birds sitting on our roofs waiting for her to come out. How would you like 200 pigeons sitting on your roof? We've got rats in the area

"I've lived here for sever years and she's been doing this ever since I arrived. We all go outside and try and clap the birds away which works temporarily but then they're back

after two minutes. The council have tried to clear up the mess but as soon as they leave she comes out and pours more food out."

### Young robbers are jailed for steaming spree

A ROBBERY spree by a "steaming" gang that included two schoolboys ended in jail yesterday. Police believe they were responsible for a string of robberies on building societies across southern England.

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They were sentenced yesterday for a raid on the Alliance and Leicester in Salisbury. Having reconnoitred their target, one acted as look-out, another stayed in the car while two pulled scarves across their faces, ran into the shop, leapt over the counter without stopping and rifled the tills, taking £3.913 before running off and escaping in the hired red

As they returned from the robbery in May last year they attacked a London mini-cabdriver when frustrated at being unable to pass his car in a narrow road in Pulhem. They hit him with bottles and a chair. The victim spent five days in hospital and required 15 stitches to head wounds.

Two weeks earlier, two of the gang, Jerome Bailey, now 15, and Dennis Rose, 21, took part in a similar attack on the. Abbey National in Andover, Hampshire. Again they burst in at speed, their faces obscured, leapt over the counter and emptied three tills of £6,140 before the staff could activate their counter protec-tion shields, lock the doors or

summon help. Bailey, of Clapham, south ies and was given five years' youth detention for the Andover raid and six years for the Salisbury raid to run concurrently. He was given a further 18 months to run consecutively for the assault occasioning grievous bodily harm on the mini-cab driver.

Rose, also of Clapham, received three years and four years respectively, and 18 months to run consecutively for the assault. David Robinson, 22, and Adrian Martin, 19, both of Clapham, were ailed for six years for the Salisbury robbery and given a further nine months to run concurrently after pleading guilty to affray in connection with the attack on the minicab driver, on Ahmed Waberi.

Relatives of the accused gasped in surprise at the severity of the sentences, and Rose's mother collapsed and had to be helped from the court. Judge Timothy Pontius, sentencing them at Knightsbridge Crown Court sitting at the Borough, south London. said: "Witnesses speak of their feelings of shock and fear."

Acting Detective Chief Inspector Guy Ferguson, of Fulham police, who traced the gang and also recaptured Bailey after chasing birn a quarter of a mile when he escaped from the dock at West London magistrates court earlier this year, said he was "very satisfied"



Simon Lupini, the Proms co-ordinator, gaining inspiration yesterday from a bust of Sir Henry Wood, founder of the Promenade Concerts

### Biggest Proms opens with first night sell-out

son opened last night with a traditionsell-out performance (Damian Whitworth writes). Hundreds of singers and players were as tightly packed into the Albert Hall as the promenaders for Beethoven's Missa Solemnis, by Bernard Haitink.

her 30 doves from a bird table

- despite being told the table

Neighbours had com-plained that Mrs Simpson

spenit £100 a week on assorted

food for the birds. Rooks,

pigeons and starlings perched

measured 24 sq ft.

The 103rd season of Henry Wood Proms will stage 73 concerts - one more than last year. Alongside classical performances the music of John

Zappa will be heard.

The King's Singers will premiere the new arrangements of Penny Lane, Eleanor Rigby, I'll Follow the Sun and Honey Pie on July 31 at a latenight concert. Excerpts from Zappa's The Yellow Shark can be heard

Brahms, who died 100 years ago, is one of three composers whose anniversaries will be marked. The others are Schubert, who was born in 1797, and Mendelssohn, who died in 1847.

Leonora Thomson, spokeswoman for the Proms, said: "As is usual, seating for the first night was a sellout, but sales are healthy for the whole series. Twenty per cent of the concerts have no seat tickets left, including the last night but it is always possible to

turn up and prom on the night." The Proms and the Victoria and Albert Museum have joined forces to

Music, to be held every Monday lunchtime at the museum. Nicholas Kenyon, the Proms director, said: "I hope there is a musical diet of extraordinary richness and variety."

A 70th birthday celebration concert will be held for John Dankworth and Cleo Laine, the first couple of jazz, and there will be a premiere of the new Dankworth piece. The Proms runs until Saturday, September 13.

### Murder police get extra time with suspect

By JOANNA BALE

DETECTIVES hunting the killer of Lin and Megan Russell were yesterday granted an extra 36 hours to question a man arrested in connection with the murders.

The unnamed suspect, in his 30s, was held in the Medway area of Kent on Thursday and taken to Chatham police station for questioning. Detectives were granted a 12-hour extension by a police superintendent yesterday morning, then a further 24 hours by a magistrate. Police were last night expected to apply for a further 36 hours. After a second extension of 24 hours, they must charge or

The arrest follows an appeal last week on BBC1's Crimewatch UK on the first anniversary of the murders. It prompted more than 1,000 calls from the public and the man held was one of several new names put forward.

Police have asked him to provide a sample of blood and hair for a DNA examination. Detectives have a tiny hair. believed to be the killer's, found at the murder scene. Officers have also been searching the man's home.

Mrs Russell, 45, and her daughter Megan, o, were murdered as they walked along a quiet bridalway at Goodnestone near Canterbury by a man wielding a hammer. Mrs Russell's daughter Josie, now 10, survived the attack.





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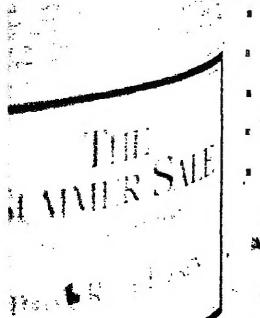
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# Extension costs couple their home





John and Patricia Fowler with their children Nathan, Courtenay and Rana, whose original claim for damages has cost Margaret and Tom Batten, right, their house after a series of court hearings Simon de Bruxelles reports on how £250 damages built up to £24,000 in legal fees

AN EXTENSION should have given Tom and Margaret Batten the house they always wanted. Instead they are having to sell their home to foot a legal bill after a dispute with

neighbours over the work.
The Battens spent £25,000 adding a bathroom and fourth bedroom to the £100,000 house in Stoke Gifford. near Bristol. They agreed to pay John Fowler and his wife. Patricia. £600 compensation after builders damaged a path and a fence between their two houses. But after a series of hearings at which they tried to reduce their costs, they have found themselves liable for a legal bill of £24,000 — 40 times greater than the original compensation. Mrs Batten, 57. said yesterday:

claimed. He then dialled 999

as his mother lay dying. Bristol Crown Court was told.

dering Barbara Wallace, 33,

at her maisonette in St Jude's.

Bristol. The court was told

that Brady was woken by the

Mr Graham denies mur-

"Our trust in the law has completely gone - the lawyers are the only ones to win. We just wanted to improve the house and now we have

The dispute began in 1994 when the Batteris were given permission to build the two-storey extension. The Fowlers objected after the damage to their property, and their solicitor sent more than 40 letters in an effort to stop nuisance on their land. Eventually the Fowlers took the Battens to the High Court in Bristol claiming that builders had trespassed after Mr Fowler was hit in the chest by brick chippings and

scaffolding came within a few feet of his daughter's bedroom.

A judge agreed that the Battens were guilty of technical trespass but work was allowed to continue with a High Court Injunction against further trespass or nuisance. Damage to the Fowlers' property was esti-mated at £252 but the Battens offered to pay £600 to make up for any nuisance.

Although the award itself was modest, the costs began to escalate when barristers were brought in to deal with the Battens' appeal for the case to be dealt with in the County rather than the High Court. After a

series of hearings, the judge ruled against the Battens and awarded both sides' costs against them: £9,000 for their own lawyer and El5.000 for the Fowlers'. Mr Batten, 57, a security guard, said: "We cannot afford to pay so we have no choice but to sell the house. This case should have gone to arbitration or at worst to county court. The damage was very minor and we have always said we would pay to put it right but the amount of costs is

just ridiculous." Mrs Batten added: This has destroyed us." Mr Fowler, 43, a senior credit and risk manager with a bank in Bristol.

said: "I wouldn't necessarily justify the legal costs but barristers are expensive. They are highly educated and articulate professionals with support staff to pay. I had no guarantee of getting my money back and as far as I am concerned my lawyers have justified their fees. I agree the lawyers are the winners but why should I be out of pocket

when I was wronged?"

Of the Battens, who live in the house with their daughter, Eve, 19, Mr Fowler said: "I shall be glad to see the back of them and I expect they feel the same way about us. The

building work was endangering my family, I was hit in the chest by a flying stone chip and I had children to think of. The incidents on their own may seem trivial but they were a nuisance: We chose the High Court because we wanted the build-ing work stopped quickly and our solicitor said that was the best

route." The Bristol solicitors Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave, which represented the Fowlers, said yesterday: "The substantial legal costs incurred were an unfortunate but inevitable result of Mr and Mrs Batten's decision to contest each and every aspect of our clients' claim at a series of hearings as they had every

Only one in ten of the legally registered handguns in Scorland that must be surrendered to police before September 30 has been handed over since July 1, the start of the scheme. Police forces said yesterday that despite the government warning that gun owners who failed to hand in their weapons faced jail sentences of un to ten years, many handgun owners appeared to be holding on to their weapons until the last moment.

### Dog starved

David De Wolfe. 42. from Henbury. Bristol, who star-ved a dog belonging to his ex-girlfriend to the brink of death, has been given a fourmonth jail sentence for cruelty and banned from ever owning animals by Bristol magistrates. The dog is recovering.

### Beef sales recover

Sales of British beef in June to individual shoppers reached pre-BSE levels. But prices for farmers were about 97p a kg liveweight, against 120p be-fore the crisis in 1995. The Meat and Livestock Commission spoke of "a huge vote of confidence" by consumers.

### Good on paper

A newspaper office will become a £50 million leisure complex as part of Manches-ter's redevelopment following last summer's IRA bombing. The largely derelict former Mirror Group plant has themed restaurants, shops. music arenas and a cinema.

### Firearms raid

A man was arrested after 400 guns were recovered by police from the home of a firearms dealer in Brighton. A workshop containing equipment used to adapt guns was also raided, as were addresses in Blackheath, southeast London, and Dartford, Kent.

### Epstein tribute

Liverpool leisure and tourism committee is expected to dedicate the city's Neptune Theatre to the memory of Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, after all-party pressure for a commemoration of the impresario who died in

By A STAFF REPORTER

Boy saw mother stabbed

A BOY of 8 tried to fight off a sound of Mr Graham breakman as he stabbed his mother ing into their home at night. to death, a court was told. Roderick Denyer, for the Brady Douglas hit Erroll prosecution, said Miss Wal-Graham. 24, over the head lace had a brief relationship with an iron bar as he with Mr Graham two years plunged a kitchen knife into mother living with Brady and his half-sister, Sacha, 11, at the his mother's heart, it was

> Mr Denyer said: Brady later told police that he had woken up when he heard two kicks at the door and went to his mother's room. She looked out of the window and

could not see anybody so they went back to bed." He said Brady rushed to his mother's room again when he heard her scream a few minutes later and saw a man lunging

Mr Denyer added: "Brady had an iron bar from a football game and he hit the man with it." His mother screamed and fell to the floor and the man fled. Brady later identified Mr Graham, from Horfield, Bristol, as the killer. The hearing continues.

### Workman fined over lift-shaft fall

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WORKS contractor who escaped death by inches after plunging down a Hilton Hotel lift shaft was fined yesterday for breaking health and safety regulations.
Timothy Mannix, 33, the joint head of

an "incompetent" company dismantling a service lift, had one of his ears nearly torn off and spent three days unconscious. Southwark Crown Court, London, was told the accident happened after his firm. Workside, was asked to remove the lift at the Langham Hilton Hotel, London.

John McGuinness, for the prosecution, said the job should not have been given to Workside, "They are not a specialist company. They are a general labouring

contracting company which does work like decorating rooms and drainage." The firm's approach to the work was "thor-

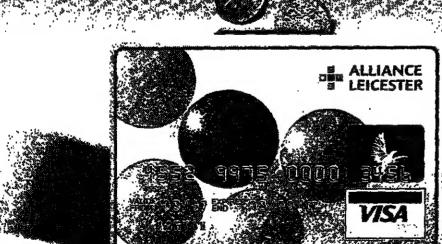
oughly bad and unsafe". While the lift was being dismantled it was supported by a chain slung over a metal bar placed across the lift well. The bar was only an inch wider than the shaft. As Mannix stood on the lift floor it plunged 27ft from the ground floor into the sub-basement. His overalls snagged

on a metal projection in the shaft. Rescuers found Mannix unconscious, hanging upside down, his head 12 inches from the metal floor. His left ear was hanging by a "slender thread" of flesh. A

surgeon sewed it back. Mannix, from Edgeware, London, admitted breaching the regula-tions. Roy Roebuck, for Mannix, said his client "felt like a fall guy" because he had not negotiated the contract. He was fined £200 and ordered to pay £250 prosecution

Judge Mota Singh, QC, said: "Clearly Workside was totally incompetent to undertake this sort of work but I accept you had no part in securing this contract. This was done by your co-director, who pleaded guilty and was fined in the magistrates' court. But you were on the site, it was your decision to proceed."

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(UK) was found not guilty of four health and safety offences after the judge decided it was not the employer.



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# Foot steps from past

as political sex symbol Damian Whitworth on a new view of the Labour Party's lost leader

THE ROISTERING early years of Michael Foot and intriguing insights into his long marriage are disclosed today. The veteran leftwinger, who led Labour to defeat in 1983, has fond memories of heady days as a champagne

socialist and womaniser.
Jill Craigie, his wife of 48 years, has told a TV documentary how they a discussed frankly the terms of their relationship: "I remember saying to Michael when I very first met him, if you ever have any extra needs I don't want to know, and even more important I don't want anyone else to know. That's the price you have to pay. And I think thar's quite a decent attitude, isn't it? A fair one? And that's how it is.

He's pretty secretive."

Mr Foot, after being shown the footage of her saying that, responds by making a comparison with his hero Nye Bevan, who had a famously open marriage with Jennie Lee: The same proposition, by the way, about not letting anybody know if you have any other diversions, 'Don't let me know, that was the same principle on which Nye and Jennie worked, I think. And that was a perfectly sensible thing to do. So I've really got nothing much to add to what she said. And she's laughing

about it. There you are." Ms Craigie was a glamor-ous film-maker and had been married twice when she met Mr Foot after the war, while making a film about the Standard, his confidence and rebuilding of Plymouth, number of girlfriends grew.

RAILWAY buffs are to protest

at plans to strip them of cash stakes in the Severn Valley Railway, occasional sanctu-ary to the world's finest steam

engines.
Directors are urging more than 15,000 shareholders to

waive their right to dividends

or any share of the company if it is forced to wind up its business. The Midlands line

attracts some 200,000 passen-

The move, which will de-prive some shareholders of

£10,000 in potential share carnings, is intended to give

the company a better chance of receiving a £6 million Nat-

ional Lottery grant toward an indoor marshalling yard at

Members holding more than 3,000 shares, currently

worth 65p each, will be left only with "gold medallions"

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Foot and his wife Jill today: married for 48 years

He was invited down to join

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existed," he says. Mr Foot wooed Ms Craigie at the Ivy

resturant. She says that her

attraction to him was largely

champagne lifestyle.

where he was an MP. String alongside him in another interview, she says that he was very experienced with women

when they met.
"Well, he had a lot of pretty girls before me, you know, plenty of photographs of pret-ty girls. When I first went to his flat there was a whole range of cosmetics. When I stayed the night you said, 'Here you are'. So he wasn't an innocent, exactly."

In the documentary to be screened tonight, Mr Foot, 83, tells the interviewer Michael Cockerell that his relations with the opposite sex had not always been easy. His eczema had been a hindrance. "I used to think it would interfere with your sex life. I'm sure it did."

Later, however, once he had been taken under the wing of the great newspaper proprietor Lord Beaverbrook and made editor of the Evening

allowing unlimited first-class travel for four people on the 15-mile stretch of railway from Bridgmorth to Kidderminster.

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meeting to unseat some of the board members, who hold

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tee of receiving lottery help. Peter Knowles, one of the 50 largest shareholders and a

Steam buffs try to

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By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

physical. "I liked his mind and I liked his myopic look in his eyes and his smile, and he was

rugged and unconventional." Sarah Foot, the wife of Mr Foot's nephew, the journalist Paul Foot, comments that the former Labour leader shares a trait with the other men in the family. "I think Michael did fall for women, and that's another Foot thing, they're very — they fall for women quite easily."

The film includes Mr Foot's views on Tony Blair. While Paul Foot says he believes his uncle thinks that what has happened to Labour is bloody awful — and Mr Foot's friend Spike Milligan says he expects that one day he house parties at Beaver-brook's Surrey mansion will crack Mr Blair over the head with his walking stick -"You always got good cham-pagne at Beaverbrook's house. We did justice to anything set Mr Foot is loyal, if hardly gushing: "We get on very well. He's got his view about how things had to be changed. They have been changed and

good luck to him."

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Film Portrait of Michael Foot is on BBC2 at 8.10pm



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### Sex phone pioneer puts God on the line

By RUSSELL JENKINS

A FORMER sex chatlines company director is helping to run a Christian helpline. Nigel Holme. 40. of Mold. North Wales. started one of the first live "one to one" premium-rate chatlines in the late 1980s.

At one time his company was turning over £200,000 a month. The company collapsed with debts of £1.4 million after multiline chatlines were outlawed in 1988.

Mr Holme was converted by a cousin and is promotions director of a Christian helpline and managing editor of an evangelical magazine about to be launched.

At 15, he left the Bryn Alyn children's home in he was sexually abused by its head. John Allen, who is serving six years for indecent assaults. He said: "It was only with money that I thought I

# Shrine threatened by flooding

Friars are praying that global warming will not wreck their medieval priory, reports Ruth Gledhill

FRIARS at the Carmelite priory at Aylesford, Kent, say the medieval shrine is in danger of collapsing because of global

The priory, visited by 200,000 pilgrims a year, is being undermined by tidal flooding from the Medway, a tributary of the Thames. The threat is particularly galling because not only have the friars spent years developing an environmentally friendly way of life to counter global warming, but local industries are also "green".

The friars, who try to set an example by travelling on public transport rather than in cars and by eschewing aerosols and other environmentally damaging products, have written a prayer for God To heal our planet", in the hope that disaster might be averted.

But recognising that material assistance is also needed. they are seeking private and public funding to bolster the sagging walls of their 13thcentury Pilgrims' Hall.

Father Wilfrid McGreal, the sub-prior and shrine director. said about £300,000 had to be found. "We are getting more

high tides than before and a donated by the crusader Richlot of surges in the Medway. The river has changed its course and the bank that used to protect the Pilgrims' Hall has been eroded.

"Our hypothesis is that global warming is the cause. Until recently, we would have one flood in 40 years. Last winter alone we had five, with the river spilling out into the courtyard. One was on Christmas Eve, when we managed to sandbag the building just in time for midnight Mass.

"A building that has lasted 600 years with no ill effects has in the last ten started to lean in on itself. If something

People from many denominations are still using the hall for conferences and retreats. But if structural work is not carried out soon it will have to be closed. The hall, built as a medieval hospice for pilgrims on their way to Canterbury, is the oldest building in the priory's Great Courtyard.

Carmelites founded the priory in 1242 on arriving in not inform police but merely England from the Holy Land. made an entry in the priory's living as hermits on land incident book.

ard de Grev. They were expelled at the Reformation and the building had several owners over the centuries. The friars bought it in 1949 and restored it as one of Britain's

most popular retreat centres. The response to their plight by English Heritage and the Environment Department has been sympathetic and the friars are seeking National Lottery cash. But public funding will have to be topped up by money raised themselves. The soprano Ann Liebeck,

who has found "great peace" on visits to Aylesford, is performing two benefit concerts in London for the priory next week, at Blackheath and Wigmore Hall. ☐ The priory is in danger from more than weather. As

Father McGreal took a service

yesterday, a thief tried to make off with the donations box. He was tackled by two sixth-form boys on a day retreat. In the spirit of forgiveness for which the friars are known. Father McGreal did



Father McGreal at the riverside Carmelite retreat

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# Mysterious faces of Mary Magdalene

Wesley Carr

■ here often seem to be too many Marys in the Gospels. The mother of Jesus is an obviothers? On Tuesday, the Church will celebrate the enigmatic figure of Mary Magdalene. Throughout history she has been an object of prurient fascina-

This began even when written. Which stories refer to her? How many Marys were there? A sinner comes and anoints Jesus's feet. A Mary is the sister of Martha and Lazarus. Seven

cised from a Mary. A Mary stands at the foot of the Cross. The risen Christ greets a Mary in the garden. The Orthodox Churches retain a richness Marys; three sinner, the sister

of Martha and Lazarus, and Mary Magdalene. The Latin Church reduces them to the same Mary, although Protestant critics suggest that there were at least two. Even her name is unclear. It may mean that she was from Maedala or that she had curly hair, a sign of an adulteress.

She has attracted artists. Unlike some characters in the Gospels, Mary offers imaginative possibilities. More recently, feminist theologians have valued her. She has a fascinating past to be lived with and is significant at crucial moments. The way in which she has been held as both a bad object — a prostitute and sinner — and a good one - a faithful disciple and first witness to the Resurrection — bas made her a sympathetic figure.

because she is a useful saint. Mary. Jesus's mother, is venerated for her single-mindedness. But we have to work with Mary Magdalene. She holds together both our "I" parts we can identify with her in several ways - and the Not-I" parts, those aspects of ourselves that we wish to disown. She embodies the ambivalence of disciple-

Mary accompanied Je-

sus. Many become Christian through associating with a church, a group of Christians or someone with faith. Churches should nevет discount such association in favour of commitment. For most people, to believe is not obvious. Ragged edges around a not overdefined Church allow people to associate on their

Believing without belonging is widely discussed today. But there is also a long and splendid history of belonging without believing. People go to church occasionally or even regu-

larly without committing themselves to be-Magdalene affirms that this behaviour is not disreputable and that the churches should not despise it.The story of Jesus casting out seven devils from Mary focuses the next

stage; self-awareness turns to seeking forgiveness. Selfawareness is today highly prized. But the more selfaware we become, the more problematic that self and its

We slide into the borderlands of spirituality, where acceptance and forgiveness are recognised as essential. Therapy does not always grasp this. But enlightenment that is of any use always hurts, because it means a change in some or with which we are at ease. Then we discover our need for something new - for

inally, Mary stands at the Cross. This is the end of her association with Jesus and the beginning of her belief. ultimate self-abandonment, with herself. So she is appointed a witness to the

Resurrection. In the garden, Christ refuses to let her depend any longer: "Do not cling to me." Mary discovers that discipleship means taking on for herself the way of that Cross that she had hitherto only observed.

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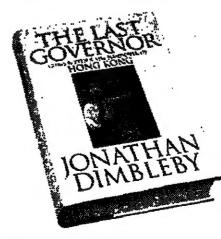
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### Chipmunks complete trip around the world

By MARK HENDERSON

THREE RAF pilots yesterday completed their flight around ... the world in two Chipmunk training aircraft.

Squadron leaders Tony Cowan, 51, Ced Hughes, 63, and Bill Purchase, 60, landed at RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire, having taken off from London City airport on May 20. Their 14,000 mile journey included a 5,000-mile flight across Russia never before completed by a foreign pilot.

The two Chipmunks and their pilots, who flew the piston-engined planes on a rota basis, will be at the Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford today. Squadron Leader Purchase

said the three pilots were delighted to have made it home in time for the Fairford show. "We are thrilled to be here, and tired but excited after the expedition, he said last night. We hope people will realise the extent of our achievement when they see the tiny size of the Chipmunks and realise quite how far we've been in them."

Exercise Northern Venture took place at the invitation of the Russian air force and has plotted an air route across Russia for commercial and private aircraft. The RAF pilots were joined for the Russian leg of the trip by Major Yuri Vostroknutov, who flew in the Chipmunks' Islander support plane and negotiated tricky landings at remote Siberian airtickis.

Yuri was a fantastic asset. without whom we could never have flown across Russia, Squadron Leader Purchase said. Russia is not an easy place to fly, especially without local knowledge, and he made it possible. He was a military man and his attitude made it very easy for us to get along and work well together.

Major Vostroknutov graded the Chipmunks to a safe suding on an open field at one

was flooded and negotiated difficult weather conditions and hazardous mountain landings. A similar flight across Siberia planned last year had to be abandoned because of forest fires east of the Urals.

. The Chipmunks were diverted by bad weather in Alaska and made several unscheduled stops in the Rockies because of difficult flying conditions. "We were disappointed to lose so much time on the North American leg of the trip," Squadron Leader Purchase said.

The conditions were terrible, and we had to put down at mountain airfields rather more than we had hoped. We had hoped to get to Fairford ten days ago."

The expedition was met by a convoy of Chipmunk owners and factory workers in Toronto, where the aircraft were built by de Havilland. Squad-ron Leader Purchase said: Virtually the whole factory turned out to meet us in l'oronto, which was a fantastic feeling. The place is really the home of the Chipmunk, and they brought out old Tiger Moths and Harvards to wel-

come the planes home." The Chipmunks were displayed in the Rockliffe Museum in Ottawa when the pilots stopped off there.
The two-seater

planes. which can fly on four-star petrol, were fitted with auxiliary tanks and global-positioning navigation systems. The team had to replace 56 spark plugs, two generators, a pro-peller, a wheel and a brake system during the expedition.

The Chipmunk served as a training aircraft for the armed forces for 50 years before it was taken out of service in March. The Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and Prince Andrew all learns to fly in the plane, which has been replaced by the Bulldog



Squadron leaders Hughes, Cowan and Purchase

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open the cafe today.

Café rides tide of controversy

buildings. His Cardiff Bay visitors' centre, known as The Jam Roly-Poly, attracted two million visitors. In Marseilles, his powder-coated blue steel regional headquar-ters was christened La Maison du Smurf.

Mr Alsop delights in the fact that the building almost

exactly follows his original sketch, dashed off in an hour when Derek Mason, a Jersey architect, called for his help in replacing a tacky café. Mr Alsop says his design began as a fish, with clusters of tables outside to look like a swarm of minnows.

Mr Mason said: "When complaints about the 'ship

wrecked hull' started, we did some research which showed that in the last century the site was a boat-building yard. I like to say this is the 763rd boat built on the site." That please Mr Bullimore, who spent four days in his capsized yacht during January's round-the-world race.

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man o'war. The structure stands in its own miniature dry dock, its Like all the best expression-

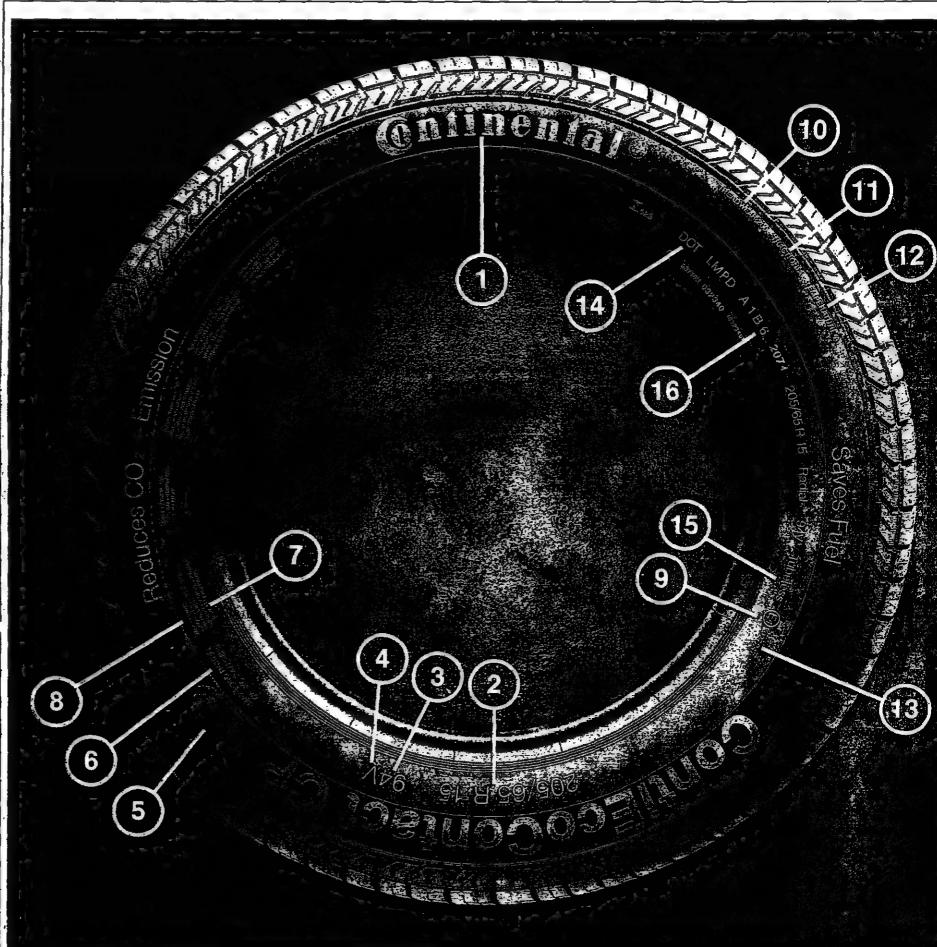
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# There is nothing quite as ex as an ex-MP'

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Jonathan Aitken, 54, ousted from Thanet South. The businessman, landowner and former Chief Sec-retary to the Treasury is trying to find £1.8 million to pay the lagal bills for his collapsed libel trial ichard Alexander, 63 (Newark), a Richard Alexander, 63 (Newark), a former solicitor, is seeking work. Rupert Allason, 45 (Torbay). Is completing a book about KGB operations in Britain under his pseudonym Nigal West. Jacques Arnold, 49 (Gravesham), is looking for work. A former banker who speaks Spanish and Portuguese and has worked in Brazil. he spring to find a lost as a consultant. guess and has worked in blazit, is trying to find a lob as a consultant with firms investing in Lain America. "It is a worrying time. It is a matter of getting people sufficiently enthusiastic because employing

obert Atkins, 51 (South Ribble), ha has been on a cricketing tour th his son, declined to comment. with his son, declined to comment, Matthew Benks, 36 (Southport), said: "I hope after a brief sabbatical, to be able to expand on my business interests. But there will be some colleagues who will have found that doors have closed because they are former Conservative MPs who supported a government which was unnoquiated." verwe Mrs wro supported a government which was unpopular.
Michael Bates, 36 (Langbaurgh), a
former Paymaster General, said he
was enjoying resting with his family
and will not be considering his

ember. Spencer Batlete, 52 (Eimel), was consultant to a law firm while in Parliament and is expected to return to his former career as a solicitor. He has put his Battersea pied a teme up to let for £650 a week. His wife.

up to let for 2000 a week. His wire, Susan, said: "There is nothing more ex than an ex-MP."
Henry Bellingham, 42 (Norfolk North West), is trying to add to his non-executive directorships but does not want a full-time job. He said the help available for defeated MRs week "granus/steen." MPs was "non-existent". Vivian Bendali, 58 (litord North). has returned to business as an estate agent and surveyor. Str Nicholas Bonsor, 54 (Upmin-ster), was unavailable. Str Andrew Payerland er), was unavaileded, ref. (Brighton remptown), is about to begin a cture tour of America with the pgies Speaking Union. who Bowis, 51 (Battersea), works

John Bowis, 51 (Jacobson, 1976) for the World Health Organisation. Sir Rhodes Boyson, 72 (Brent North), is a non-executive director

Sir Grehem Bright, 55 (Luton), a tormer parismentary private sec-ratery to John Major, returns to the tamily business. He will become

The future is Bright for defeated Tories



Sir Graham Bright, former Tory MP for Luton and parliamentary private secretary to John Major, has founded Team 97 to provide the Tories who lost their seats with a link to the party in Westminster. Many of the 127 defeated Tories are members. Sir Graham is organising seminars and workshops to keep the former MPs "up to scratch" and to give them a voice in the restructuring of the party. The former MPs are being encouraged to put themselves on Central Office's list of speakers who can go out to the constituencies.

### THE BOTTOM LINE FOR OUSTED POLITICIANS

Tory MPs who retired or were deleated in May are entitled to a resettlement grant "to as-sist with the costs of adjusting to non-parliamentary life". The amount is based on age and length of service and ranges between 50 per cent and 100 per cent of the annual £43,300

MPs with five years' experience in the House of Commons receive £21,700. While that is undoubtedly more than many constituents receive on redundancy, many former MPs

considered it was not enough to tide them over until finding a new job.

An extra problem is that many who lost their seats were in their late lifties and early sixties and must wait until they are 65 to start collecting their parliamentary pensions. The size of the pension is based on their length of serrice, with an annual accrual rate of 2 per cent of their salary. For example, someone with five years in Parliament would receive £4,300 a year, 10 per cent of his final salary.

rumours that he has signed on the dole after being spotted visiting a lobcentre m Manchester. "I wanted understand it, should I become self-amployed." MPs like him who always had a small majority were more mentally and practically pre-pared for life outside Parliament. "There were a number of col-leagues who did not realise their jobs were on the line. The shock comes in those who did not even

jobs were on the line. The shock comes to those who did not even give jedetat) a thought."

Peter Butler, 46 (Mitton Keynes North West), has returned to his career as a solicitor.

Matthew Carrington, 49 (Fulham), esid: "I am still icolding for a job. I am talking to a lot of people. I was a banker for a long time but I heven't been one for ten years."

Michael Certiles, 59 (Great Yarmouth), is resting, gardering and considering possible job options related to his former career as a teacher.

Camborne), is deputy chief of staff in William Hague's office. David Congdon, 47 (Croydon North East), is a computer expert.

are moving to a London flat. He is not yet employed. Anthony Coombs, 44 (Wyre For-est), a millionaire, has returned to his housebuilding business. Simon Coombs, 50 (Swindon), is chairman of the institute of Cas-

chairman of the Institute of Customer Service.
Sir John Cope, 60 (Northavon), is taking time off to consider options.
"I am enjoying the luit," he said.
James Couchman, 55 (Gillingham), is jobseeking.
Edwina Currie, 50 (Derbyshire South), is presenting radio and TV shows. Her third novel, She's Leaving Home, is published in September,

"Am I missing politics? No. The thing I miss badly is having a secure car parking a space in town. I also miss having a secretary."
Nirj Deve, 51 (Brentford and hisworth), has returned to his tamey firms. He has set up a think-tank, the Policy Research Centre for

has returned to work as a barrister. Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, 54 (Edinburgh West), is an author.

he maintained while in Parliament. He is chairman of ADA Video Systems Ltd and has investmenta in quoted retail and electronics companies. A former stockbroker, he is a shareholder in the Stock Exchange and is looking to expand his business intervents in the autumn. Mit Dykes is also continuing to cam-paign for Britain's greater involvement in Europe. Harold Elletson, 36 (Bleckpool North) owns a management con-

David Evens 82 (Welvyn Hattleid), runs a cleaning company.
Jonathan Evens, 47 (Brecon and Radnor), is organising the "No" campaign to Welsh devolution and intends to return to being a solicitor in London.

Chambers.
Devid Evennett, 48 (Erith and Crayford). Is working part-time promoting the college in Crayford. He hopes to stand again.
Dame Peggy Ferurer, 74 (Medway), said she was unlikely to be chasing for a new seat but likely to remain involved with the party. If I



Angela Knight, starting a five-day month, with Robert Balfour, Pepma chairman

### THE KNIGHT'S TALE

ngela Knight, former Economic Secretary to the Treasury, secured a part-Time job yesterday as a non-Association. The former MP for Erewash will join the board next month.

The group represents 135 financial organisations managing PepS worth almost £50 billion. Mrs Knight, 46, will work there for four to five days each month and continue to look for other work in the meantime. As a recent Treasury Minister she consulted the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments before accepting the role. Mrs Knight is a divorceé with two sons, aged 8 and 11. Before becoming an MP she worked in senior management posts in industry. She was in Parliament for only five years, so her business experience is more recent than many

She said: "I am delighted to be involved at such a key time for the industry. PepS have helped to provide the savings ethic and I look forward to helping shape the future of new savings initiatives, such as the individ-

Jerry Hayes, 44 (Harlow), is return-ing to the bar white continuing his

Gwilym Jones, 49 (Cardiff North), Robert Jones, 46 (Hertfordshi West), a Liveryman in the Worshi full Company of Merchant Taylors is, according to local Conservatives, "having a rest and taking stock". Timothy Kirkhope, 52 (Leeds North East), a former Home Office Meniater, has returned to work as a solicitor. "The big thing," he said, "is thet during my year and a half at the Home Office I probably slid the most radical raview of floansing law or mortain time. My amortics in

auriges kingin, so (ziewiski) is in hunting. "There is one offer around a couple of others in the pipoline, am quite hopeful and very poetitie, was only in Parliament for one tent The rest of my life I have been in

having parking in town' —

es in the industrial field." Greg Knight, 48 (Derby North), a former deputy chief whip, said: "You get into a routine of working 70 hours a week. It is just rice now being able to smell the toses. I am using the time to air my classic cars that were under dust covers for four years because of my partiamentary. years because of my parliamentary work. I am just leaving to take my "49 Sewick Roadmaster for a spin." zul Lait, 49 (Hastings and Rye),

ruled out. He will not stand again as

Sir Ivan Lewrence, 60 (Burton), has lucky ones. I always kept up the Bar because it told me what was going on in the law."

man, was unavailable.

Sir Mark Lannox-Boyd, 54 (More-cambe and Lunesdale), said the had a million irons in the fire and a million ideas in his head. He is considering starting a business raised to his wife's garden designs. "I certainty intend to be malding money in a year's time. At the moment, I am living on reserves." man, was unavaliable.

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given himself until Sept decide his next move.

Andrew Hargreaves, 42 (Sim-ingham Hall Green), is looking for work. "Life on chvie street is wonderful. Because one has none of the constraints of Westmanster,

you can see more of your family, you can be where you want when you want, and you can choose what to do. I am looking at a number of

options and am really rather chip-per." With two sons at private achool, he recognises that he might have to tighten his belt a bit if

nothing comes up soon. Warren Hawksley, 54 (Stour-

up seminars and conferences for financial institutions, which he hopes to combine with some non-security directorships.

Sir Peter Fry, 96 (Wellingborough),

(warrosecon), resans carecomments of compenies involved in health care, security, printing, transport and property. A former occupe-and physician, he also works with health charities. He cream the new Countryside Alfance, a merger of his British Field Sports Society with the Crumbraside Management and the

the countryside Business Group. Their mass Hyde Purk relly to save hunting last week was his brainchild and he will continue lobbying all parties against the Foster Sill. "I look forward to a more mentally stimulating life than as a per-litermentary private secretary."

ilementary private secretary." Sir John Gorst, 89, (Hendon) has returned to consultancy work and is

avolved with charities

involved with charities.
Harry Greenway, 62 (Ealing North), is a consultant and lecturer. "The initial shock is entremely difficult, I didn't see it coming until 6pm on May 1, When it did come, you ware live on TV getting this tremendous sock to the teeth. The way I handled it was to thirth of what Churchill said, 'In detext, defiance.' That gives you extraordinary bottle. I thought it would make me emissional and it did but I were able to contain it. This has been my motio since. I feel very resilient. I am not giving way to any of it. I think one or two might have gone to a headshrink but I haven't been myself. The best therapy is to talk to each other."

Sir Rhodes: fourth life

### JACK OF ALL TRADES' TALE

Tor most Tory MPs over the age of 60 who lost their seats in May, their active professional life ended. But Sir Rhodes Boyson, 72, the irrepressible MP for Brent North since 1974, said that he was merely moving into the fourth of his many lives. "My first was in the Royal Navy, my second was as head of three of the biggest schools in this country and then my third was 23 years as an MP."

He was off seeking work within days. "I immediately got in contact with my literary agent. I have worked up a synopsis of a book on contemporary politics.

People also began ringing him to see what he was interested in doing. As a result, Sir Rhodes is setting up an educational charity to research the teaching of phonics. He is also involved in an American company working in phonics.

He is a non-exective director of Blacks Leisure, the outdoor clothing company, and has been offered several others. He has also been asked to give lectures on the British political scene in America and chairs a Tory



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Matthew Banks, a former army officer who lost his seat, with his wife Jane and their twins. She lost her job as his Commons secretary and their income dropped by £60,000

THE BANKER'S TALE

Tor Matthew Banks, the former Tory MP for Southport. the general election result was a double blow. Not only did the 36-year-old former army officer lose his job as an MP but his wife, Jane, lost hers as his secretary in the House of Commons.

The dual loss of income, worth more than £60,000, was felt more keenly at the Banks's home because there were two extra mouths to feed. Mrs Banks gave

birth to twins. Angus and Ella, on April 14 in the middle of the elec-

Mrs Banks had worked at the Commons since the 1980s for several Tory MPs before she met Mr Banks. They married in December 1992, just before he was elected. "If you lose an MP's salary (£43,300) and you lose the average salary

£20,000 to £25,000 — then of course it makes an impact," he said. Although Mrs Banks had

of a member's secretary --

worked in the Commons for several members, accumulating many years' service, she receives her statutory redundancy pay-off for only the last MP for whom she worked. That made a difference of several

thousand pounds. "Our circumstances would be particularly difficult if I didn't have business interests to fall back on," he said. Mr Banks, who once worked for Barclays Bank, had maintained

a small financial consultancy business while an MP, "I am fortunate that I never lost touch with what was going on outside the Westminster goldfish bowl. There are a number of my colleagues who are in some trouble at the moment." He is currently developing his "very. very small business" to man-

while in the

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age people's financial assets.
"We are moving towards an entirely professional political class but what we haven't done is bring the financial rewards or other compensation to the level that would be similar to the United States," he said.

joy." he said. "I have even tried one or two headhunters. They are all very charming but don't have anything you are looking for. I have applied for a few public-sector appointments, a few charities, two or three school

bursarships." He has also looked for jobs from friends in Parliament: "But one's list of contacts is somewhat diminished by the slaughter in May, and they are all in

Opposition anyway." His children, who have passed school age, were trying to keep his spirits up, he said. However, despite remaining involved with his constituency, Mr Couchman feels the loss of Parliament keenly. "The worst thing is the empty days and not knowing when they are going to stop. All the doors seem closed at the mo-

ment. But I am sure some-

thing will turn up."



Couchman: "All the doors seem closed at the moment"

Sir Jim Lester, 65 (Broxiowe), is a consultant. He has just returned from Papua New Guines, where he was a Commonwealth election.
observer. He is taking his children
for a holiday in Australia.
Lady Olga Njatiland. 53 (Sutton
and Cheers), a former journalist, is
clearing her backlog of constituency papers and continuing her
media work. She hopes to write a
book.

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Gerry Malone, 48 (Winchester), is fighting to have his constituency result declared void after loaing by two votes. He is not yet employed.

"I am simply concentrating on the court case at the moment to I can't make the court case at the moment to I can't

Make any commission."

Keth Mane, 61 (Wyre), had a first of telephone numbers prepared in case he lost his seek. "I started ringing at 8,30em," he said. He has found an office in central London and le setting himself up as an approspace consultant. He believes agreepace consumant. The believes Tory MPs should practice what they have preached for the last 18 years about finding work. "There is a need to get on your biles. If you belong to the party that believes in job fiexibility, you cannot complain when it benoems to you."

job textokry, you carrior complian when it happens to you."
Psus Marland, 57 (Gloucestershire West), is a termer.
Tony Meriow, 57 (Northampton North), is a termer in Wales, "I am well and actively employed," he apid.

said. John Marshalf, 56 (Hendon South), John Mershell, 56 (Hendon South), has gone back to his old career of stockbroking. "I was already working part time for MeesPierson Securities, so it was not hard to move over when I lost my east rather unexpectedly. Those of us, who were defeated have experience that can be drawn on. I intend to stay in politics and I'm standing in the local elections next year."

David Martin, 52 (Portsmouth)

South), is returning to the Ber. He lest practised in 1976 before taking up a job with the tensity caravan business. "I am doing mini-pupitages and I hope to be starting to practise in a tew months. I am rather swited to be called here." practise in a sew moratile. I am rather excited to be going back, I have to get my career back on a steady course. At the moment politics is a hobby, not a way of life." In many waye, he is glad to be out of Parliament, "It was such an awful government, I was so unhappy," David Hellor, 48. (Putney), has many, business consultancies, some involving the Middle East. He is continuing his media work.

Andrew Mitchell, 41. (Goding), is

and pursting business interests in Nottingham.

Sir Roger Mosts, 59 (Feversham), is continuing the Insurance broking interests he maintained while in Parliament.

Michael Mostin 80 (Newtherman)

Michael Morria, 60 (Northampton South), owns Modern Personnel Ltd which imports Sri Lankan kitchen-

sir Michael Neubert, 63 (Romford), will be going on a month's holiday in mid-August. In mid-September he plans to shart work on a lightnearted memoir. "I was the writer and director of The Blue Review, a connedy show which was quite farnous in its time and did good business at Tory conferences and so on. I don't want to do a heavy set of memoirs but I would love to do something humorous about the Thatcher years. I'm also a semi-professional oboist and I'm taking the chance to practise for an hour every day. I don't imagine I should have to make a living that way as I have a pension but it is nice to get it going agein. I'm keeping in truch with Wesminster as rector's warden at St Margaret's Church. I spent 23 years there and got quite Sir Michael Neubert, 63 (Romiord).

attached to it so I will certainly be keen to get back. You have not seen the last of me yet." Tony Newton, 58 (Braintree), is "considering his options". David Nicholson, 52 (Taumon), is a

"considering his options".
David Nicholeon, 52 (Tauriton), is a Commons researcher.
Philip Oppenheim, 41 (Amber Valley), is tinishing a political novel. Having had a smell majority, he was more than ready for defeat. "I have loved being out," he said. "The freedom to be and to do what you want, to work with people of your choice. There are a lot of people who are in shell shock. They are in decidal."

Sir Irvine Patnick 67, (Sheffield



'i have never been happier - Jeremy Hanley, who is out of work

consultancy, Key Turn Ltd with imother defeated Conservative, James Pawsey, 63, (Rugby and Kentiworth). Mr Pawsey is also a non-executive director of a market non-executive director of a market research company, Opinion Research Business, and is looking for a publisher for a novet. He is keen to advertise his availability as a new Michael Dobbs. "The book's called Prime Minister's Questions and it's a thritiar about an IRA ethack on the Houses of Parliament during Question Time. It also features plenty of political intrigue and a Tory leader-thip election, so it's rather topical at the moment. I am really enjoying myself and discovering that there really is life after Partiament." Elizabeth Peacook, 59 (Batley and Spen), is working for anti-abortion

pressure groups.

Devid Porter, 48 (Waveney), is setting himself up as a freelance public relations consultant and journalist. "I have only just got started this month but I already have some loost clients," he said. "I nave some toost clients," he said. "I am doing a correspondence course in treatence journalism. I am staying in the area. I used to be a teacher and a Conservative agent but I won't go back to alther. I would need to be retrained and both would be hard to do after ten years. as an MP."

gere), is a pari-time adviser on international business development international ousasses development for Kert MicGee, an oil exploration and production company in Oklahome. He has been doing some broadcasting. Mr Portillo talled to become European Union High Representative in the former Yugos-William Powell, 48 (Corby), de-

William Powell, 48 (Corby), de-clined to comment.

Tim Rathbone, 64 (Lewee), is looking for work linked to his previous career in marketing. He is maintaining his interest in South African affairs. An ex-chaliment of the all-party Select Committee on Drug Misuse, he remains involved in campaigning against drugs. Rod Ritchardie, 50 (Clwyd North West), a former BBC journalist and Westh Office Minister, is seeking media work. He has stayed active in the Tory party, particularly William Hague's campaign and the Uxbridge by-election. He is campaigning for a "No" vote to devolution in Wales. "It's not as easy as you would think for former ministers. There are many jobs I have a chucke at when I see them advertised in the paper. As a former

Health Minister I could do the job of chairman of an NHS trust standing on my head but nobody would dream of appointing me because of the political connotations." Graham Riddick, 41 (Coine Valley), a former sales manager for Coca-Cols, is job hunting. He is a director of the Freedom Association.

of the Freedom Association.
Maloolm Riflidind, Si (Edinburgh Peritlands), is a part-time international adviser to BHP Petroleum, an Australian-based cil company.
Reymond Robertson, 37 (Aberdeen South), a former Scottish Office minister, has been unemployed since leaving the Commons but is tipped to become chief executive of the Scottleh Conservative of the Scottleh Conservative. ecutive of the Scott

axecutive of the Scottish Conservative Party on a salary of 250,000. "I'm doing nothing at the moment," he said. "I really haven't thought about my future at all, My family and intends auggested that I shouldn't rush into anything and I'm taking that sound advice. I'm taking a long break to mull over my options." Of the Scottleh Conservative post he said: "Wall, the media always seem to know much more about such things than I do." He does not intend to resume his career as a treacher.

mucher. Mark Robinson, 50 (Somerton and Mark Robinson, 50 (Somerton and Froms), a barrister, has been appointed director of a non-governmental organisation from mid-October. The appointment will be announced formally in two weeks. Before entering the Commons, he worked for the Secretary-General of the United Nations for six years and apent six years with the Common-wealth Secretariat, "From what I hear from my colleagues, it seems I am one of the lucky ones who has fallen on his feet," he said, "I have found a great job that suits me very well, very test." Mr Robinson was out of Parliament between 1987 and 1992 after losing his seat. "I became a director of a small merchant bank for that time but that did not appeal to me this time around." He has not ruled out a return to politics. "It is crucial that we stay in touch, both with the retirement party and the constituencies. I'm staying on at my association as a political adviser."

Dame Angela Rumbold, 64 (Mitcham and Morden), a former party vice-chalmen, is throwing herself into charity and think-tank work. "I'm working for a new charity for handicapped children called Wheelyldds and continuing raising money for the Minerva Fund, part of the Girl's Public Day Sohools Trust. money for the Minerva Fund, part of the Girl's Public Day Schools Trust.



Portillo, part-time adviser to an oil company in Oklahoma

Tom Sackville, 46 (Bolton West), is Tom Sacriville, 46 (Botton West), is a merchant beniker.

David Shaw, 48 (Dover), has a couple of non-executive directorships to fall back on. He is considering a joint business venture with another defeated MP.

Sir Colin Shepherd, 59 (Hereford), is resting and considering his options. He has a stake in a family engineering firm. Sir Dudley Smith, 70 (Warwick and Leamington), is a management committee. Sir Derek Spencer, 61 (Brighton Pavillon), is a QC. Robert Spink, 48 (Castle Point), is a management consultant. lain Sproat, 58 (Harwich), is a headhumer with James Shappard in London, He has already sent letters to MPs asking them to go on to his hours. to his books.
Rebin Squire, 53 (Hornchurch), a former characted accountant, is unemployed.
Michael Stern, 54 (Bristol North

Microse stem, 54 (sharp North West), is a chartered accountant with Cohen Amold.

David Sumberg, 55 (Bury South) is taking up a job at Eversheds solictions in the West End of London. He has been appointed director of the Angio-Israeli Association. ation. "People need a helping hand changing lob and Members of Parliament are no exception." he

Yorkshire. John Sykee, 40 (Scarborough), runs a fuel firm and has agricultural

interests. Sir Donald Thompson, 65 (Calder

Sir Donald Thompson, 85 (Calder Valley), a former farmer, butcher and chair of an animal health trust, is aemi-ratired. He does voluntary work for the Friends of War Marmorlalls.

Sir Maleolim Thompson, 58 (Crosby) former chairmen of the Education Select Committee, said he is resting and considering options, particularly in education. He is not going back to being a Mersey river pilot, as his licence has expired and "the attractions of climbing up and down ledders at three in the morning tave wom of". Nor will he stand for parliament again.

Richard Tracey, 54 (Suption), a former journalist and sports minister, is unemployed but seeking work in the media.

Jan Twinn, 47 (Edmonton), is a freelance planning consultant. He

freelance planning consultant, He turned down a job with a trade

William Waldegrave, 50 (Bristol West), is involved in terming and media work. He has been on a French course since losing his seat. He is tipped to join Bridschnology Investments, run by N.M.Rothschild, as non-executive director.

Bill Walker, 68 (Tayside North), le an aerospace consultant an arrespece consultant.

Gary Waller, 52 (Keighley), sald: "I am not yet employed. I would probably like to work in the media or communications but nothing has come up yet. I used to work as a journalist writing about personal savings and I step worked for an advertising agency."

advertising agency."

John Wetts, 50 (Slough), a former Transport Minister, lost the sade seat of Reading East after relinquishing marginal Slough. Now he is unemployed. He applied to be Tory candidate at the Uxbridge by-election. "I have not been doing a great deal since I lost," he said. "When you have been running the road programme and selling off the railway, it is hard to take a step down, I am still looking for something suitable." He is staying involved in Reading politics, hoping to return to the Commons. "I was disappointed not to make the Uxbridge shortlet as I would have been a sensible choice of candidate, I am a local man and I have been a member of the local party mers. Mr Handall Time clandidate)
must have something very special.
I'd like to get back to Parliament but
I can't imagine there will be a lot of
good by-election Valcancies." Mr
Watts does not intend to go back to
chartered accountancy, his career
before the Commons. He is planning business deals.

Tim Wood, 56 (Slevenage), used to work in computers and information technology. After looking all op-tions, there is "nothing fixed".

### THE RESEARCHER'S TALE

mid the hordes of A young, fresh-faced as-sistants who scurry around Westminster doing errands for MPs, there is a familiar and surprisingly mature figure that has been spotted. David Nicholson, 52, was MP for Taunton until his Liberal Democrat opponent wiped out his 3,336 majority.
With no family business or

previous career outside poli-tics to fall back on, Mr Nicholson has taken up a stopgap opportunity of parttime research work with Tom King MP for Bridgwater.
As well as run-of-the-mill research for speeches and constituency duties, he is also

using his expertise in housing

matters by compiling a paper

on how to combat massive

property developments en-He said: "It is short term while I look around for other options. It is mutually beneficial to me and to Tom. We much fun as before May 1."



Nicholson: stopgap

He knows his way around."



worked very closely in the previous ten years." Mr King The move from MP to

said: "David is a great asset. assistant poses practical difficulties. He can no longer go to the members' lobby or tea rooms. He is allowed on the terrace only with an MP. He admitted: "It is not as

### THE PRESS AND PR MEN'S TALE

Charles Lewington: former director of communications at Tory. Central Office, poached from The Express on Sunday. After writing a short account of the campaign in which he revealed John Major's occasional despair, he is looking to

charge of liaison with lobby correspondents. She became John Major's personal press officer during the election, a position she continues to hold in an unofficial capacity. She is writing a book on the

election campaign. The Saatchis: William Hague finally ended the Tory party's 20-year relationship with Lord Saarchi and his brother Charles. Rows over strategy during the election made the split inevitable.

Sir Tim Bell: key public relations adviser to Baroness Thatcher who worked in an election campaign. unofficial capacity on the 1997



Tory chicken: redundant

election campaign. Chairman of Lowe Bell Communications, dropped as the leading PR adviser to British Airways this week because of its "outdated" Conservative connec-

tions. Tory Chicken: Noel Flanagan, 39, hired to dress in a chicken costume and challenge Tony Blair to a debate during the

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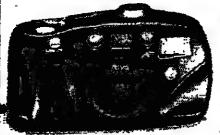
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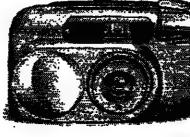
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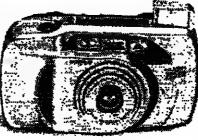
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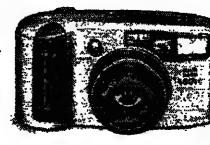
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# Germans put on alert for flood exodus

POLAND held a national day of mourning yesterday for 48 known flood victims, while German authorities stood by for mass evacuations in the eastern state of Brandenburg where flood waters have a ready crept past the highest levels this century

Around Frankfurt an der Oder, water levels were rising at the rate of two inches an hour early yesterday, but slowed later. Two small villages nearby were evacuated.

Meteorologists said that

heavy downpours over Brandenburg, Poland and the Czech Republic, forecast for last night and today, would cause water levels to rise again, but they could not predict when. More than 35,000 police officers, firefighters and German troops were standing by to assist in case of mass evacuations, and border police were ready to drop 1.6 million sandbags from helicopters over the banks of the Oder.

The closure of hundreds of bridges and crossings along a 100-mile stretch of the border with Poland was announced by the Brandenburg Interior Ministry. Motorists were warned to avoid driving to eastern Brandenburg unless absolutely necessary and the 6,000 lorries and 40,000 cars that drive over the Polish-German borders daily were being diverted to crossings further south in Bavaria.

As Poland mourns its victims of two weeks' torrential rain, homelessness is beckoning for thousands across the border, Deborah Colleutt reports

and hundreds of businesses

The Government, already

River authorities emptied

dams on the Vitava, which

flows through Prague, and

expected to fall in the moun-

tain in the next 24 hours, the

Czech Weather Service said.

Flood teams were repairing

breached defences in expecta-

general low-pressure system that has battered Poland and

the Czech Republic also

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were forced to close.

mourned, President Kwasniewski rushed through emergency legislation, designed to help victims of flooding that has devastated the south of the country. His Government has been criticised for doing too little too late by the opposition, which said a state of emergen-cy should have been declared in the worst-hit areas.

Polish television and radio stations replaced scheduled programmes with information bulletins, and flags flew at half mast. Around 16,000 troops were mobilised to reinforce flood barriers in the south as the country braced itself for another lashing of rain. Thousands of people were put on alert to evacuate

Since torrential rains began two weeks ago, about 450,000 acres of land have been flooded and more than 132,000 homes evacuated. Each family hit by flooding will receive about E525 under a finance law amended in the Polish parliament on Thursday.

In the Czech Republic, flood tides have left 46 people dead in the country's worst natural calamity this century. The

wreaked havoc in Austria. putting wide areas of the country on flood alert as swollen rivers rose to breach worst flooding caused scores Manfred Bauer, a meteorologist, predicted a catastrophe

if downpours kept up in the regions of Lower Austria, Styria, Salzburg and Upper Austria this weekend. in the northern province of Upper Austria, waters from the Trattnach river washed over a campsite near Grieskirchen where 24 teenfirefighters, the radio

reported.
Last week the country suffered its worst flooding this century, with water levels reaching the roofs of houses in the Lower Austrian plains around Vienna.





resorts braced for gales

> BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT

TOURISTS in the South of France were warned to take care over the weekend as forecasters predicted gale-force and squally winds that are likely to bring anisery to the Côte d'Azur.

The meeting of high pres-sure over Western Europe and Britain and low pressure over Central Europe is funnel-ling strong Mistral winds down through Poland, Germany and eastern France to

Dave Cox, of the Meteorological Office's international speeds in Marseilles were already exceeding 35 knots.
The winds will get stronger over the next day or so ... and will be gusting a lot more than 40 knots," he said. "If you are on the beach you will be sandblasted, in a tent blown away and in a small boat it will be

and in a small boat it will be unpleasant and very dangerous ... a nasty wind."

Ivan Obrusnik, director of the Hydro-Meteorological Institute in Prague, said that flooding in parts of the Czech Republic was worse than the great floods of 1903.

"The ones we are having now are bigger and lasting longer... it is a catastrophe,"

Dr Obrusnik said. Some

Dr Obrusnik said. Some mountain regions had seen up to 600mm of rain in five days; the normal average for nik said 600mm was the equivalent to a third of normai annuai rainfall.

Computer models of global warming indicate that parts of Europe may see more violent downpours as pollution and rising temperatures alter weather systems. Dieter Kraemer, director of hydrology and weeks." The London Weather Centre said that Britain was unlikely to suffer any ill-



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# Jospin will tax rich to gain EMU entry

ernment will demand billions of francs in extra taxes from its richest companies and citizens next week to bring down the budget deficit and ensure the country qualifies for the European economic and monetary

Officials at the Finance Ministry have confirmed government plans to tax the wealthy to bring the level of France's deficit closer to 3 per cent, the theoretical Maastricht ceiling for admission to the single currency.

The finalised tax plans will be announced on Monday. when the Government unveils an audit of state finances expected to show that, without further measures, France is on target for a deficit of between 3.6 and 3.7 per cent. Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister, will lay blame for the overshoot on the previous centreright Government.

Revenue-raising measures are expected to include a 10 per cent increase in the tax on corporate profits to more than 40 per cent, a rise in employer social security payments and a blow to the wealthy, probably by reversing a 6 per cent income-tax cut for high-earners brought in under the last administration.

Concern that business will bear the brunt of the new tax burden pushed down stocks by nearly 3 per cent on the Paris Bourse yesterday, and the anxious mood was reflected by a cartoon in Le Monde showing a cigar-smoking businessman rushing to conceal a chart showing his

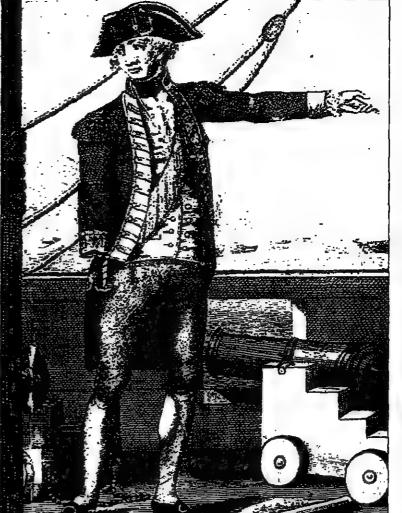
By reducing the deficit by about 0.3 per cent, or some Fr30 billion (about £3 billion), the Government is aiming for ments without stilling French a 1997 deficit of 3.3 per cent in economic growth. the hope that this will still be The Government may also sufficient to ensure admission

seek contributions from stateowned companies and make French ministers have careadditional, unspecified spendfully paved the way for Monday's moves, insisting that the Small and medium-sized Maastricht criteria for EMU

companies are likely to escape tax increases, and the Government insists the new levies will be structured to avoid discouraging investment. Analysts, The choice of tax rises, to be however, say that any rises in corporate tax and social security charges, which are already weighty, are likely to put off foreign companies contemplating investment in

> The Government, however, says that despite slow overall growth, large French companies performed well last year and can easily absorb ligher tax rates.

Claude Allègre, the Educa-tion Minister, observed that "it's normal that those who make big profits in difficult times should contribute more



### Nelson's loss recalled with gift of cheese

THE Royal Navy is to commemorate the anniversary of the loss of Nelson's arm - and one of his worst military mistakes - by presenting a Stilton cheese to the Spanish

Governor of Tenerife, in the Canaries. The blue Stilton is to be handed over next week during the bicentenary celebrations of what the Spanish island considers to be its finest hour when it repelled three attacks by Nelson on the port of Santa Cruz during the Napoleonic Wars.

Nelson was shot in the arm as he scrambled on to the Santa Cruz quay from his cutter. He had ignored his army command ers' advice not to try a third attack. The Spanish garrison was ready for the "surprise" night raid and repelled the attackers, with great loss of life.

The Spanish, however, showed magnanimity. They ferried the injured British soldiers and sailors back to their ships and invited the officers to dine. Nelson, who was having his arm tended to, was unable to attend the dinner. But he sent ale and cheese to his Spanish counterpart, General Gutierrez.

Nelson's commander-in-chief. Earl St Vincent, later praised his attempts: "You and your companions have certainly deserved success by the greatest degree of heroism and perseverance that was ever exhibited."

The latest cheese is to be handed over by Commander Nick Stanley of the frigate HMS Grafton, which is taking an HMS Victory cutter replica to the Santa Cruz celebrations.

### Paris: Two of France's largest agricultural unions yesterday called on farmers to mobilise next week to protest against a controversial plan by the

did not say what form the

Farmers call cuts protest protests would take, but will be petitioning regional offici-

should be interpreted "flexi-

bly" and emphasising that the

3 per cent limit is unattainable

dehated in an extraordinary

parliamentary session in Sep-

tember, represents the most

delicate task for the Govern-

ment so far, which must

balance campaign promises to

avoid further austerity while

meeting its treaty commit-

### Russia sets sights on joining EU

RUSSIA is striving to join the European Union and hopes to qualify in due course, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, said yesterday. He was speaking on a visit

to the European Commission in Brussels three days after it started the machinery for taking in Central Europe's former communist states." Mr Chernomyrdin said full membership of the EU was the ultimate aim of Russia's

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He emphasised, however, that Russia was not yet ready. "It is not easy. We are realists. We are busy solving our own problems to become a worthy partner ... We want to be full narmers on this Continent."

Speaking after talks with sion President, Mr Chernomyrdin was amplifying: a statement on Russia's EU aspirations made last year by President Yeltsin. The President's remark that Russia wanted to join the EU was not deemed serious at the time,

but it unsettled member governments which are already worried about the economic and political costs of fulfilling their pledge to embrace the former Soviet bloc states of Central Europe.

The Commission this week decided that Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia and the Czech Republic should all be invited to start accession talks with a view to membership in about 2002. Mr Chemomyrdin said Russia did not expect special compensation from the EU to balance its lost income from trade with its former

While welcoming Moscow's eagerness to join the Union, EU officials played down the prospect of a Russian applica-"They are nowhere near being. ready to integrate their economy with ours, let along signin political union," one diplomai said.

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Scientists at Mission Control Centre near Moscow using a model of Mir to discuss its problems

### Mir 'safe' after power restored

FROM ROBIN LODGE AT PLIGHT CONTROL CENTRE

REPAIRS to Mir, the stricken space station, may be put off until the arrival of a replacement crew next month. Russian officials said yesterday.

Mir lost power and alignment after a crew member accidentally disconnected a cable to the main computer earlier this week. But all power was restored to the main block yesterday after Flight Engineer Aleksandr Lazutkin worked all night to rectify the error.

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, said that Mir was "safe". The space mission should continue, he added. But the delay may mean aborting plans for Mr Lazutkin and Michael Foale, the British-born Nasa physicist on board, to enter the station's depressurised Spekir module and reconnect

cables to its solar panels. Sergei Krikalyov, deputy director of the mission, said it was very likely that this would be left to the relief crew. Flight Controller Vladimir Solovyov

expressed concern that stress could make the present crew "less attentive, precise or fast during repairs". The crew have been

ordered to rest for two days. They have been working much of the time in total darkness, with all but essential systems closed down. If the operation is delayed,

it will almost certainly mean a postponement of the mission Leopold Eyharts, the French astronaut with the new crew. Alain Fournier-Sicre, head of the European Space Agency's mission in Russia, said M Eyharts would be unable to start his scientific projects on Mir until the repairs were completed. Pasadena: Nasa engineers have solved the software problem that necessitated resets of the overloaded Mars Pathfinder computer and slowed transmission of pictures and other data. A software change will be transmitted today, the project manager, said.

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# Versace's mourners screened in manhunt

FROM TOM RHODES IN SOUTH BEACH, MIAMI

bedroom of his bungalow. He was

lying face down with underwear

have widened their net to investi-

gate the murders of other homosex-

April and are also analysing

another death on South Beach in

vinced that Cunanan, a master of

disguise, may be feeding his ego by

remaining in South Florida to

watch continuous media coverage

John Coffey, of the Florida Law

Enforcement Department, said his

men were scanning television pic-tures of crowds near the bloody

steps of the palazzo on Ocean Drive

shortly after Versace was killed by

two bullets in the back of the head.

to the scene after the killing," said

Mr Coffey, "but people that know the subject tell us that it would not

be abnormal for him to do that. He

is quite a cocky guy."
Miami police said Cunanan had

made several mistakes since he

allegedly shot Versace last Tuesday morning. They have now estab-lished that the shots that killed

We don't know if he did return

of the nationwide manhunt.

Federal and local authorities

and trousers around his ankles

HUNDREDS of mourners were day, officials denied earlier reports screened by undercover agents at a Miami Beach memorial for Gianni that they had ruled out any connection between the two mur-Versace yesterday as police said the ders and said the inquiry was still continuing. Alfonso, 44, described as a known homosexual, had been cocky alleged killer may have returned to revel in the scene of his trussed with designer ties and strangled with a braided belt in the

Convinced that Andrew Cunanan, 27, the gay gigolo and chief suspect in the Versace murder, might make another unexpected appearance at his memorial, officers walked up and down the aisles of St Patrick's Catholic Church throughout the ceremony. They inspected the faces of every male dignitary, businessman, model and fashion industry consultant and scanned the crowds listening to the ceremony by loudspeaker

The service, held at the neo-Renaissance building once frequented by Al Capone, the Chicago gangster, was a final mark of respect from the South Beach community for the man who had helped to create an American Riviera and inspired a vibrant international hotspot in this once dilapidated Deco District of

Many mourners were Versace black, his characteristic cloth, as a symbolic tribute. Outside the church, police officers handed out pictures of Cunanan as local authorities continued to investigate tips and leads, including possible links between the alleged serial killer and the most recent murder of a Cuban-born doctor in Miami

Police sniffer dogs had recognised the scent they picked up on clothes apparently left by the suspect near Versace's beachfront mansion as the same smell discovered on the passenger seat of a black BMW owned by Silvio

Alfonso, the dead doctor. In an apparent volte-face yester- Letters, page 21



### Fifth Avenue ' finds solace in buying frenzy

From Tunku Varadarajan in new york

feeding frenzy".

Since the murder of the Italian couturier, buyers have converged on every conceivable outlet where his fashion designs might be on sale, queueing, jostling and lunging for any article of clothing that bears the distinctive Versace Medusa-head logo.

"Everyone, it seems, wants a piece of the dead man," said a salesgirl at Bloomingdales, New York's linest department store. "It's like the rush for bits of the Berlin Wall, only that was a time of celebration and this is really kind of spooky."

We've never seen anything quite like this," said Frank Doroff, the store's vice-president. The demand for Versace's 150 jeans, 1,000 women's handbags, and even the Versace five-piece china set, was "five times over what it was a year ago".

Yesterday, long queues of people formed outside many shops on Fifth Avenue, many of whom were clearly not the Versace "type". Stocky house-wives, office men on their way to work and tourists in Bermuda shorts mingled with aspiring models and lean, rangy Lotharios, all in search of something — anything — by that the value of his one the late designer. "His clothes kind couture will go up."

AMERICAN department stores and fashion shops are playing host to a Versace Goodman, clutching a Versace sace man's suit as if afraid it would be yanked from her.

Dawn Mello, the store's

president, said: "We are selling everything we have in Versace. The dinner wear is sold out. And people are calling in from all over the country, as far as California. wanting specific items from the last collection."

Before his death, Versace had worked on the Spring/-Summer 1998 collection, which hits the market this autumn. After that, there will be no more new designs, so buyers are desperate to acquire the last vestiges of a rapidly dwindling supply.

Kelly Patrick, a spokesworn

an for Neiman Marcus, said: "In our San Francisco store, women's leisure wear has almost sold out. And the volume has been even greater in Florida, for obvious

reasons." Valerie Steele, the chief curator for the museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, said: "It's a known fact that when an artist or painter dies, the value of their art goes up. Since Versace died at the height of his prowess, one could expect that the value of his one-of-a-

### Designers accused of sham as family grieves

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN MOME

THE ashes of designer Gianni Versace were returned to Italy yesterday and buried at a private ceremony on the shore of Lake Como where he had a villa.

three of Cunanan's alleged victims But the ceremony was overshadwere all fired by the same weapon. a .40 calibre pistol. Versace was owed by controversy in the fashion world over whether Versace's colkilled by a similar weapon but investigators have not yet linked the bullets or shell casings from the leagues really mourned his death. At a simple family service atspecific handgun to his murder. tended by a dozen mourners, the urn containing the designer's ashes was buried in the village of

Moltrasio. Earlier it arrived by air near the northern city of Bergamo. accompanied by Versace's sister, Donatella, and their brother. San-

to, on a private jet from Miami.
"May the Lord help us to
understand what has befallen you," Father Bartolomeo Franzi, the parish priest, told mourners gathered at a small chapel in the

the wrought-iron gates as Donatella, wearing a close-fitting black dress and sunglasses, led her children, Allegra and Daniel, past security guards, two paramilitary carabinieri and a few bystanders Celestino Villa, the Mayor, said that a special chapel would be built as a permanent resting place for Versace's ashes and that a Mass would be celebrated in his memory in Milan cathedral on Tuesday.

"The urn will remain here with us on Lake Como. These were his wishes," Signor Villa said. He denied reports that Versace had already built a chapel inside the villa to be used after his death. In Milan, the office of the Archbishop said it was deciding where to hold the Mass. Church Mulassano, in a letter to the Rome sources said that the cathedral was the most likely location.

Shopkeepers in Moltrasio low-ered their shutters yesterday. This is due recognition for a great person who put the image of Italy in the window attracting the lights of world attention." said Luciano Tessaro, chairman of the Italian Association of Window Dressers. However, a leading fashion writer started a furious controversy yesterday by accusing Versace's fellow designers of shedding crocodile tears for him. Adriana

daily La Repubblica, accused Italy's fashion moguls of "intellectual poverty ... a lack of culture and values", and said the designers had contrived "the most degrading speciacle that the world of tashion could give of itself". She said Italian designers had "jumped on the victory charlot so that each of them could take two minutes of glory". Mulassano added that the solidarity apparently shown in expressions of sadness by the top signers was false. "The stylists



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thing for every part of the party, as Mr Clinton so suc-

cessfully did in 1992. But the

best strategy for a Democratic

President faced with a Repub-

lican Congress is to move to

the centre, as Mr Clinton has

in his second term. Mr Gore's

association with that conser-

vatism will be a help in

fighting a Republican candi-date — but could prove a fatal

In the next few months, it is

likely to become clearer that

Mr Clinton's interests are at

ndds with Mr Gore's, and that

his support is worth less than

it seems. With an eye on the

history books, the President

wants to get as much legisla-

tion through Congress as pos-sible. In his desire to get a renewal of "fast-track author-

ity", which would give him the

power to get trade agreements

through Congress without

amendment, he is likely to

offend many of the groups Mr

Gore is courting.

Those strategic problems

compound Mr Gore's short-

comings. He remains unchar-

ismatic. Mr Clinton handles

big themes of hope, courage

and the future of Europe with

authority. Mr Gore sounds

more confident with technical

subjects, and on the environ-

ment - his favourite - gives an impression of wistful

According to aides, he tries to relax, but the body lan-

guage remains rigid. On a

platform recently, he was left

looking awkward when a Pol-

ish woman due to give a

speech about her past dis-

solved into tears. In China, he

toasted Tiananmen Square

generals with champagne for fear of causing offence by

Mr Gore remains the

favourite to win the Democrat-

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# Fifth Avenue Gore looks short buying fren of big ideas for long campaign long campaign

AL GORE has begun his race for the White House. For the past two weeks, with President Clinton playing the statesman in foreign capitals, the Vice-President has held court to the cameras at home, congratulating Nasa on the Mars landing and announcing tax cuts and new rules on air pollution. This month, Mr Clinton has

endorsed Mr Gore, earlier and more openly than any President has done for a would-be successor in 150 years. All the same, the Gore

campaign is looking ranled. To win in November 2000, Mr Gore must defeat rivals for the Democratic nomination by the spring of that year, then beat the Republican candidate in the final high-spending marathon. The first objective is now giving him trouble. His main rival is likely to be Richard Gephardt, leader of

the House of Representatives, although Paul Wellstone, a senator from Minnesota; is often cited as a dark horse. Accused as much as Mr Gore of blandness, Mr Gephardt has fashioned himself as the champion of the outsider. the unions, liberals and protectionists who were ditched by Mr Clinton in his determ-

ination to make the Demo-

the Democratic minority in



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MADDOX Mr Gore has the weight of the presidency behind him. Mr Clinton has given him White House resources, and the Vice-President has begun tramping around the states that are critical in the primary elections for the party nomination. Mr Clinton told NBC News that Mr Gore "has been unquestionably the most effective Vice-President in history. And if the people decide to make him President, they

won't be disappointed. Mr Gore's worry is that he is now so associated with Mr Clinton's conservative philosophy that the liberal wing of the party and Mr Gephardt could give him a nasty shock. The best strategy to win the nomicrats electable. By contrast, nation is to promise some-

### Gingrich faces revolt

grasp on the House speakership was slipping last night after a week of rebellion and turmoil threatened to rip apart the Republicans in Congress (Bronwen Maddox writes). . .

in the latest move, one of Mr. Gingrich's most trusted protéges was forced to resign after his role in a plot to overthrow the Speaker was exposed. Yesterday there were rumours that Bill Paxon would now become the leading candidate to replace Mr Gingrich, Mr Paxon, who was chairman of

Washington: Newt Gingrich's the Republican "leadership", a post invented for him by Mr Gingrich, was one of four senior Republicans in the House of Representatives now revealed to have taken part in backroom cabals to discuss ousting Mr Gingrich. The others were all elected to their positions by other Congressmen and cannot be sacked by Mr Gingrich.

For months there has been. rising anger that Republican leaders have failed to capitalise on the party's control of Congress.

### Man who brought Internet to its knees

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE CRASH of the Internet on Thursday was the fault of one man who is now being dealt with very appropriately it emerged yesterday. Chaos reigned after

computer operator failed to heed automatic alarms going off at 2.30am on Thursday. The glitch was traced to Network Solutions Inc. a firm

in the Washington suburbs that keeps more than a million Internet addresses on an electronic master list. David Graves, the firm's Internet business manager, said: What happened technical problem. It was a human problem."

The executives refused to name the culprit but said they would make the "graveyard shift" a two-person job in future. •

Every night Network Solutions shares its updated files with ten large Internet computers around the world. known as root servers. These are the Internet's traffic police, handling thousands of address requests each second and sending messages off in the right direction. With the technician not

reacting to alarms, corrupted files went out to the root servers, causing a cascade of bad addresses to spread throughout the global net-work. Internet users began receiving error messages that Web sites and e-mail addresses they used frequently no longer existed. Network Solutions sent out corrected files four hours after the garbling began, but it took many more hours for all the inaccuracies to be purged.

The crash was bad news for the firm, already under assault for having an exclusive agreement to register address-es for the US National Science Foundation, an early sponsor of the Internet. The contract expires next year.



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Max returning to Johannesburg Zoo after hospital treatment for gunshot wounds

### Robber shot in gorilla warfare

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNERBURG

A GORILLA named Max is recovering from gunshot wounds at Johannesburg Zoo after trying to grab an armed suspect who jumped into his enclosure while fleeing from police. The suspect was also

The man, who had broken into a nearby home, scaled a moat at the 200 and jumped into Max's enclosure. The gorilla grappled with the man.

apparently in defence of his territory and his mate, Lisa. The robber fired twice at Max, one bullet lodging in his shoulder, the second passing through his neck.

The gorilla, who is 26 years old, also attacked two policemen who entered the enclosure, biting one on the buttocks and hitting the other. A third policemen was injured when he twisted his ankle trying to get out of the enclosure. In the fracas, police shot and injured the robber. Both the robber and the gorilla were taken to Milipark Hospital in Johannesburg, Later officials loaded the gorilla onto a truck serving as an animal ambulance and Max went back to the zoo, his huge paw engulfing the vet's hand he was holding. Max, who is from the for-

as cantankerous by zoo officials. They added that Lisa was 'very distressed".

mer Zaire, was later described

The robber and police were still being treated.

### WORLD SUMMARY

### Go-ahead for hotel in Golan

Jerusalem: In a gesture of solidarity with the 15,000 Jewish settlers on the Golan Heights, Binyamin Netanyahu. Israel's Prime Minister. has given the go-ahead for the building of a 220-room hotel (Christopher Walker writes).

The announcement certain to infuriate Syria which is demanding a total Israeli withdrawal as a necessary condition of peace, came as the Prime Minister toured the strategic plateau as part of celebrations to mark the thirtieth anniversary of its capture.

### Ali kit for sale

New York: An extensive collection of boxing gloves, trunks, robes and letters which once belonged to Muhammad Ali will be up for auction in October, Christie's has announced here (Tunku Varadaraian writes). The sale. which will take place in Los Angeles, will include the letter Ali wrote in 1966 to the draft board, refusing to fight in Vietnam. The memorabilia is owned by a boxing fan from Long Island.

### Police powers Hong Kong: Guidelines em-

powering police to ban proiests here drew criticism from civil rights groups. The administration granted police wide discretionary powers to han protests or political groups on "national security" grounds. This was defined as threatening China's security, promoting independence for Tibet or Taiwan, or causing public disturbance. (Reuter)

### Torture proved Rome: An official inquiry has

confirmed that Italian peacekeeping soldiers tortured Somalis in the country in 1993. the head of the investigation was reported as saying. "Certain episodes have been proved, even though at the beginning there were attempts to hide them." Ettore Gallo

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### 'Dream girl' nurtures vision of revolution

dri talks about the "information revolution" in Italy, she is not just talking about the internet and digital television. "It's a question of changing Italy itself," she says. "We are way, way behind. The communications revolu-

tion links in to all the other things we are trying to do - decentralising the appalling Italian bureaucracy, devolving more powers to the regions, empowering the citizen. We are changing the landscape."

Such sweeping declarations are startling from a woman of only 35 who does not yet hold ministerial office. But as spokeswoman on communications for the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS) — the core of Italy's centre-left Government - she is becoming one of the most photographed and talked about women in Italy. To her embarrassment, a recent survey put her near



the top of the average Italian male's list

of "dream girls". Signora Melandri bristles at any

suggestion that her high profile has to do with her trim good looks or air of cosmopolitan chic. "I am not a model, I am a representative of the people. There's a whole new generation of Italians who have a global, rather than

provincial, outlook." She clearly comes from a different planet than the old-style Communist Party, from which the PDS evolved in 1991. She was born in New York, where her father was the correspondent for RAI (Italian state-run television) dur-

### Zoo trails in restoration league

THE restoration of the Villa Borghese gardens continues apace as part of Rome's millennial preparations. The 17th century Villa Borghese itself, with restored masterpieces by Canova, Titian and Caravaggio, has been under siege by visitors since it reopened earlier this month after a 13-year closure. Other great Renaissance buildings in the park, such as the Villa Giulia, have also been restored.

But the park also houses one of Rome's eyesores — the cramped and

old-fashloned Municipal Zoo, which has woefully inadequate facilities for its 1.100 caged animals. The zoo's lack of resources was highlighted recently when vandals climbed over the fence at night and started attacking a family of four tapirs with Iron bars and a billiard cue. One tapir, Alfiero, was killed, and another, Filippo, was badly injured. Claudio Manicastri, the zoo manager, said the 200 only had three guards at night, and their patrol car had broken down.

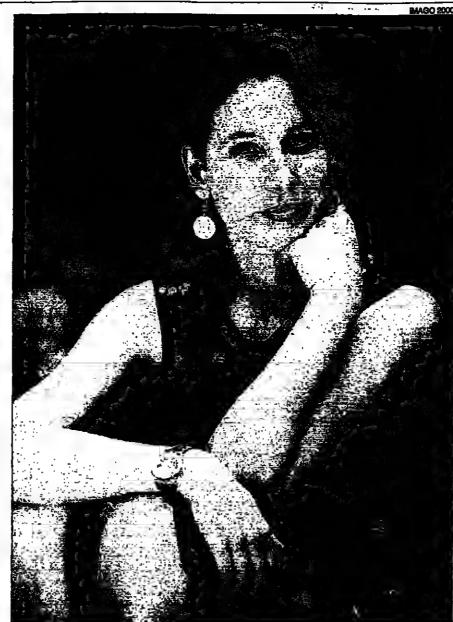
ing the Kennedy era. She speaks fluent English. lives with a wealthy and successful lawyer, and moves in a circle of writers, actors, tycoons, fashion designers and glitterati — "as much socialite as socialist" as one of her friends puts it. She buzzes

around town on a motorscooter, and spends weekends at a villa on the fashionable Tuscan coast.

Yet she managed to charm the tough working class residents of Magliana, an area of rundown tower blocks which is the heart of her Rome constituency. They made her their MP in 1994, at a time when the political tide was running to the Right. She was re-

elected in April last year.
"I had a much harder time campaigning in the better-off areas," she says. "I'm not a champagne socialist. [ don't even drink champagne. What does worry me is that a new class division is developing, between those who own and use new media technology and those who do not. The informed and the uninformed, as well as the rich and the poor.

'I see three areas the Left has to tackle now that it is in power in Italy, Britain and France," she says. "Reforming the welfare state, privatising state-run industries and promoting the concept of citizenship — of belonging." But her main aim is to "secure a place for Italy in the global communcations market through privatising the cumbersome Italian telecommunications system and deregulating television.



Giovanna Melandri says Italy is way behind in the use of information technology

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But "Little Fish" was a free

### Guides are deaf to the rewriting of history

GUIDES on the Palatine Hill above the Forum are still pointing out the remains of an Iron Age hut as the "dwelling" of Romulus, Rome's legendary founder, despite a new theory that the city has its origins not on any of its

seven hills but down by the Tiber. Professor Mario Attilio Levi, a noted archaeologist pow in his nineties, says his conclusion after a lifetime studying the origins of Rome is that its founders had first gathered near Tiber Island, on a broad bend of the river below

In ancient times the small island lay opposite Rome's main river port, where salt (essential for food preservation) was brought up from the coastal port at Ostia.

Professor Levi suggests that Tiber salt merchants, rather than shepherds on the hills, formed the first Roman community. He believes they may have traded with the Sabines (with whom they inter-married, hence the legend of the Rape) and the Etrucens.
Guides on the Palatine will have

none of it: Romulus founded Rome in the eighth century BC after killing his brother Remus, they say, and that is

Nevertheless, the few modern residents of Tiber Island are delighted.

The island houses the hospital and church of San Barrolomeo, built on the site of the Temple of Aesculapius, and a restaurant, Sora Lella, named after a popular Italian actress, which is doing

### 'Little Fish' murdered prince to wriggle free from the palace hook



Prince Thitipand and Mom Chalasai, the child bride who admitted killing him

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

THE last chapter in a fairytale romance between a That prince, known as the "Frog", and the young "Little Fish" he adopted to become his child bride, ended at Bangkok police headquarters yesterday as the girl who was reared for the prince's bed confessed to his murder.

The princess, Chalasai Yugala, 25, sobbed as she admitted lacing her prince's coffee with a flea killer in an attempt to keep her lover, a chestnut seller she had met outside the palace walls.

Prince Thitipand Yugala, 60. a wealthy socialite and cousin of King Bhumipol Adulyadej, died in agony after ten days in August 1995.

showed that he had died of poisoning. Police were unable to pin the murder on her and she went on to become a chatshow celebrity, talking about her rags-to-riches life.

This week, however, after being ditched by her lover, she broke down in remorse and confessed. Yesterday she was paraded in front of Snoh Thiengthong, the Interior Minister, who recounted her confession. Mom Chalasai told police: "I did it to escape from the palace. There was nabady else involved."

After the murder the chestof lovemaking. nut seller who pedalled his mobile stall around the palace spirit. While the prince regarded her as one of his was arrested in connection with the murder, but was

"Little Fish" (Luuk Pla in

her own age, slipping out of the palace at night to frequent Thai) was a four-year-old orphan abandoned at birth. She was adopted under royal smart discos and trendy patronage to give her a chance in life. She was educated at the royal palace and it

In 1995 the couple married and at the wedding, "Frog" embraced his wife with a kiss." On top the wedding cake were models of a frog and fish kissing. The words on their wedding invitation read: "Age to live at his palace and look after his children from a is in the mind. But love will always be in the beart."

The prince was quoted as saying: "My wife does not need to be beautiful. Nor does she need to be a good cook. But she has to be great in bed. Lunk Pla is my No I in this regard." Unfortunately for the heartbroken prince his young wife, who indeed was no beauty, was also the No I for and hung her from a hook in other people. Just before the my bedroom for three days wedding she had run off with for humiliating me."

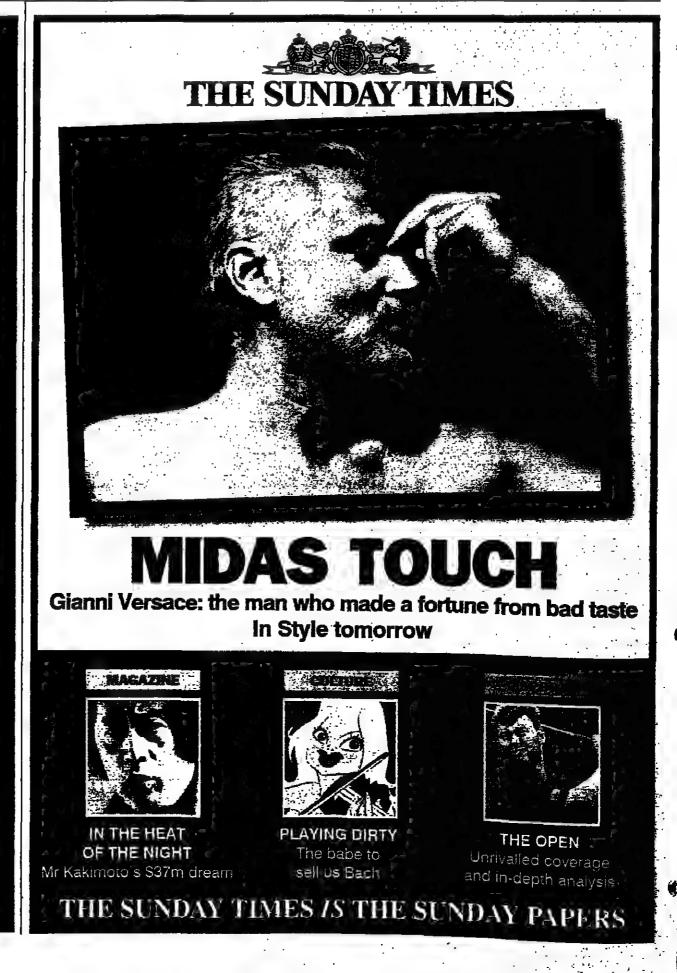
resort of Pattaya and the humiliated but smitten prince advertised in newspapers of-

He got her back, but her used to hang out with young crowds in Bangkok shopping malls and had a passionate effair with the chestnut seller, Uthet Chupwa, with whom she hoped to clope.

The young bride may have

had strong personal reasons for wanting to leave the prince. His punishments for severe. Prince Yugala boasted to friends that after the ran off with the Swedish tourist, "I bound and strapped her up

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nly last September life

must have seemed sweet in that tiny eyrie of the

BBC where men and women still

talk excitedly of Baroque recorder

sonatas and the glories of middle-

period Stockhausen. Radio 3 was

celebrating its half-century. Hum-

phrey Carpenter had just pub-lished a jolly book about its first 50

years, and its subtitle - The Envy

of the World" - was being smugly

bandied about, even by those top executives in John Birt's New

Model BBC who wouldn't be able

to find Radio 3 on the dial if you

paid them £150,000 (which is just

about what you are paying them).

testing times. But its future now

seemed assured. In the previous

four years its canny Controller,

Nicholas Kenyon, had sacrificed a

few vestal virgins on the altar of

accessibility: announcers who

sounded too tweedy or twee;

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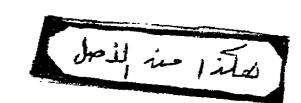
judged to be dangerously intellec-

tual for the 1990s airwaves. In their

place came cheery chappies like

former King's Singer Brian Kay.

Radio 3 had been through



Guides an - Carlothe rewriting

# Radio 3 falls for populist baloney

But there had been old-style achievements as well; the "Fairest Isle" year of British music: the huge "Sounding the Century" project which will broadcast every significant note written in the past 100 years. All this seemed to refute fears that Radio 3 was being dumbed down to meet the middlebrow challenge of Classic FM.

Oh dear. Nine months on, a storm is breaking that could tear Radio 3 apart. And it comes just as the network should be buzzing. Last night the Proms opened. That guarantees Radio 3 weeks of blissfully respectable ratings. Heads should be held high. Instead, paranoia and loathing stalk Broadcasting House, "I can't talk to you; they would trace it back," a Radio 3 producer croaked down

the blower to me this week. What's occurring? Well, earlier

who were thought to "put a smile" this month a meeting of BBC big on the stony face of the classics. not getting through to the new. youthful audience believed to be ripe for seduction by Schütz and Schnittke. So radical changes have been proposed. Radio 3's music department will be slashed; 10 out of the 25 producers could go. At a stroke that will destroy the greatest concentration of classical-music expertise in the country.

Instead, many more pro-grammes will be put out to independent producers. The style will be relentlessly matey. Presenters who really know about music will increasingly be replaced by "celebs". The names of Barry Humphries and Prunella Scales are whispered, plus some Woganesque geezer from Irish TV who will be handed the entire run of evening drivetime programmes.

Saturday morning Record Review - probably the most useful

RICHARD MORRISON

ers to classical music - will be squashed to make way for more chat-and-toons pan. There is even mention of some ghastly computerised playlist to ensure that enough hummable Mozart is

phased in as soon as the Proms are over. By next April a very different Radio 3 will be on air.

Of course you shouldn't judge a company's proposals by how much internal strife they stir up. Turkeys don't vote for Christmas. Producer Choice" was introduced throughout the BBC to break up the cosy cartels inside various departments, and there is no reason why Radio 3 producers should be exempt from external competition - even if "external competition" in this case often means ex-Radio 3 producers who

left in the last shake-up. Yet if the BBC is really concerned about getting value out of its £30 million music budget, it is hard to understand why it continues to maintain five full-time orchestras - four of them in cities (London, Glasgow, Manchester) that have excellent independent

tion of resources is a scandalous waste of money that could be channelled into much more imaginative music-making.
It also does the BBC's image no

good. What a modern broadcasting organisation needs (if it needs orchestras at all) is one truly world-class flagship ensemble, not five workaday bands. But sorting out this anachronistic mess would mean taking on the Musicians Union, and nobody at the BBC has the bottle for that. Far easier to terrorise a few producers.

hat lies behind Radio 3's new panic? The answer is Classic FM. With 4.5 million listeners the commercial tune-monger has acquired an audience more than twice as big as Radio 3's, from a standing start just five years ago. But is that Radio 3's problem? There is reason

to believe that Classic FM has pinched far more of its typical listeners -- disgracefully described by Alan Bennett as "Saga louts" from Radios 2 and 4.

Of course Radio 3 was right to modernise when Classic FM came along. There's no point in simply handing listeners to the commercial opposition. But it can now venture no further down Populist Road or Bland Alley without losing its raison d'être. And the need for a same, cultured horizonwidening antidote to the ephemeral jabber of our cluttered airwaves has never been greater.

Providing that quality is what made Radio 3 the envy of the world" in the first place. If the BBC governors don't see the reason to uphold Radio 3's core values now - when the BBC is behaving more crassly than the tackiest commercial broadcaster in so many areas - they shouldn't be BBC governors. Those who fear that the ethos of public-service broadcasting is fast disappearing down the plug'ole will be keeping a close eye



# Machiavillainy rules

THEATRE

then Tony, Gordon and city street, and trans-the other chaps plotted forms into his candi-their election tactics, what date's chief adviser, is was the precise input of called Nicholas Maitbe credited, he glided round some Islington living-room saying things "men must be pampered or crushed because they can get revenge for small injuries", "cruelty is used well when it is inflicted once and for all" and "men worry less about doing injury to a prince who makes himself loved than one who is feared". Having delivered himself of a dozen such quotes and won new Labour the election, he then sprouted a pair of black wings and disappeared into the night.

All right, Blake sets his play in an tunnamed principality, some time in the future and, all right, he never invokes Mandelson's name. The man whom a worried campaign manager (Sam Halpenny) finds-one-night on a

land and is meam in represent the realpolitik of Niccoló Machia

velfi. But there are enough nudges and hints in the play to suggest that Blake wants us to think of the spin doctors and pragmatists of Britain 1997 as well as those of the coming century.

It is a bold idea, but does it come off? No, not altogether. The acting of the Changeinspeak Company is uneven and so, I fear, is the writing. Perhaps Blake should not have chosen to stage his own script. Another director might have trimmed the more verbose bits. although I am not sure he would have succeeded in eliminating the awkwardness accompanying what, let's concede, can also be lively, believable dialogue. The plot involves the packaging of a

candidate. Can Robert Linden's Matthew Wynan, with his considerable charisma and Kennedy-like hair. outpoll governor Bateman, under whom the

principality has degenerated into a blend of the complacently comfy and the slummy and crime-ridden? At first it seems not. Although Blake never gets deep into policy detail, the suggestion is that Wynan is too idealistic and leftleaning. Enter Maitland, Machiavelli or Mandelson in the black-jacketed. unsmiling form of George McAllister.

His function is to push Matthew towards the political centre, make him more aggressive, and ensure his reputation stays intact even if it means killing a couple of blackmailers and propelling a radical aide to what may and may not be suicide. Sometimes he sounds as contemporary as you and

me. Sometimes he spouts extracts from The Prince, not always relevantly, i could see why he banged on about ends justifying means, but not why he uttered Machiavellian warnings about flatterers when there were no obvious flatterers around.

There are several times when the intrusion of Machiavelli seems forced. After all, the Blairs and Clintons face more restraints than did Lorenzo the Magnificent. More mundane problems include a soft, bland performance from McAllister, a soap-opera subplot involving an affair between political combatants, mime effects too cursory to make any impact, and the preposterous feathers that appear on Maitland's back at the end. Still, who can argue with the basic thesis, which is that cynicism, callousness and compromise continue to rule our world? Not me.

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missing from Howard Skemo ton's new Clarinet Quintet. It has what the composer describes as a prelude, an interlude and postlude but the two main sections — a second movement so significant that it needs a prelude to prepare for it and an interlude to recover from it, and a third movement with so many implications that it needs a postlude to draw the conclusions from it - are missing. The three short movements which are there are attractively crafted, and one looks forward to hearing them in the context of a work with some-

Skempton's Clarinet Quintet might not have seemed so trivial if the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group had presented it in a different programme. But on both its

thing to say.

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Mafia rage sits oddly

ton and on this repeat performance at the Cheltenham Festival it had the misfortune to be linked with Vic Hoyland's Crazy Rosa.

Occupying the other extreme in terms of engagement, Crazy Rosa is so expressive of political anger and personal grief that it is almost embarrassing to hear it in a concert hall. Its mainly spoken Dario Fo text and its uncompromising instrumental commentary require some kind of theatrical setting. Though bravely uttered in an Italian accent by Angela Tunstall and dramatically accompanied by the BCMG under the direction of John Carewe, its rage against the Sicilian Mafia can have seemed no more relevant to

the audience in Learnington Spa than it did to that in Cheltenham Town Hall. No one would describe Colin Matthews's Elegiac Cha-

conne as either minimal or trivial. But it too needs a context, and the Nash Ensemble put it in a programme position where too much was expected of this short tribute to Berthold Goldschmidt, As such, it is a resourceful exercise in mainly dark scoring (for alto flute, bass clarinet, viola, cello and piano). That first performance and

a delightful account by Philippa Davies and Ian Brown of Lennox Berkeley's Flute Sonatina were the most convincing items in a concert which needed a cohesive string quartet to provide the textural basis for Mozart's Horn Quintet and Brahms's Clarinet Quintet.

GERALD LARNER

### Patricians on the keys

TWO pianists at the Wigmore Hall this week gave memorable recitals in which they excelled with Rachmaninov His music is always audience friendly, but what made these performances special was the unusually refined, almost patrician approach to the composer of both interpreters.

First up on the Steinway was Eva-Maria Alexandre, London-based but perhaps better known in America, where she studied. Her generous programme ranged widely, from Scarlatti and Haydn, played with clarity but also 'traditional" Romantic weight, via a tempestuous Chopin Sonata No 2 to colourful, extrovert Messiaen (Regard de l'Esprit de joie). All these pieces showed

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Alexandre to be a thoughtful musician, with qualities that set her apart from many overcharged players of Rachmaninov. She brought noble, dusky refinement instead of salon-like sentimentality to his Op 3 Melody. In the Sonata No 2. Alexandre juggled the dark foreboding, dreaminess and fiery brilliance with flair. By contrast. Steven Os-

borne's recital featured the later, American-period Variations on a Theme of Corelli, and he took its even greater demands in his stride. The work is more austere, less softcentred than earlier Rachmaninov, and Osborne judged all its sonorities and textures superlatively well, as he did in two of the Op 23 Preludes. Osborne, fresh from win-

ning joint first prize in the

Naumburg International Competition in New York, put together a programme full oi fascinating connections. He gave an affectionate, fluid account of Ravel's Le tombeau de Couperin, whose dance movements balanced very neatly the Bach French Suite in G (BWV 816) he had played earlier with such vitality. And the Ravel was alluded to in the title of Jonathan Harvey's 1994 Tombeau de Messiaen, an arresting dialogue for piano and tape.

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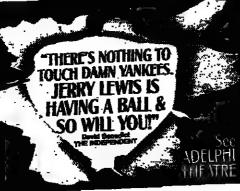
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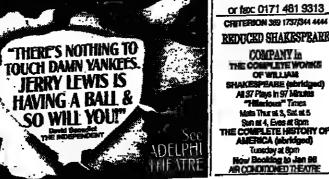
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### We will like to be inside the Bankside

Nicholas Serota offers a private view of the Tate's two new London galleries

centenary on Monday, we look forward to the most spectacular development since its foundation: the opening of two new Tate galleries in London. The Tate Gallery of Modern Art, which will house the international collection (from 1900 to the present day), is due to open in the transformed Bankside Power Station in 2000. The following year sees the launch of the Tate Gallery of British Art, housing works by British artists from 1500 in a substantially redeveloped Millbank building.

Dividing the collections between "modern" and "British" is very much in keeping with the Tate's history. The vision of its founder, Henry Tate, was to create a National Gallery of British Art (its official name when it opened at Millbank in 1897); but 20 years later, in 1917, the gallery was given the added task of forming the country's international collection of modern art. There was a dynamic interplay between British and for-

Some people have asked whether this special Tate "feel" will be diluted when the collections are divided. I hope that it will be further strengthened. The relationship between the two new galleries in London will be vigorous, with. for example, modern British works being exchangeable between them. Furthermore, there will be more

space to show key works in two changing panora-mas of British and 20th-

century art. Millbank's new role is is alone of great significance. It in lacking will allow us to nurture and further stimulate apa national preciation of both historic and contemporary British artists. In 1990, gallery of for instance, we brought modern art together a large body of work by Stanley Spen-cer. This display had such an impact that when it was

dispersed after a year, visitors complained: previously, few had remarked on the absence of Stanley Spencer. That same display resulted in requests from museums abroad to borrow Spencer paintings, and a major exhibition of his work is to open in Washington next year. The Tate Gallery of British Art will offer a superb opportunity national achievement in the visual

London is the only major capital city not yet to have our own national gallery of modern art. In Paris and New York such museums are signs of a serious, national appreciation of 20th-century culture and are key tourist attractions. The opening of the Tate at Bankside will put us on a level with other cities.

I would like to argue that a visit to the Tate Gallery of British Art will be a rich, inspiring and welcoming experience. That sense of being in the presence both of history and of living art will be given a new vitality by new conjunctions of artists working in Britain — artists as diverse as Holbein and Hockney. Hogarth, and Gilbert and George. Occasionally we shall also give a sense of the visual traditions in Britain before the Renaissance, especially where such achievements have been important for later artists. The Tate will pose such provocative questions as: how do we define "British-

ness" in art and culture? The galleries will also be used in different ways. Entering the Duveen Sculpture Galleries at Milfbank may give a serene feeling of light and airiness; however. there will also be unexpectedly crowded, less brightly lit moms where, for example, groups of drawings and watercolours will be closely hung. Our aim is to recog-

s the Tate celebrates its nise the importance of watercolour and drawing to the British tradition. Moreover we wish to show sculpture from all periods.

Imagine a whole room of Gainsborough or Stubbs, and how much heightened our appreciation of those artists will be when many of their works are visible together. There are also less prominent artists who should become better known: Thomas Jones and Allan Ramsay from the 18th century, or Wyndham Lewis and Edward Burra from the 20th. At the same time, the gallery will meet the demands of regular audiences to see, again and again, such loved artists as Constable and Blake, both in the collections and as the subjects of special exhibitions.

Exhibitions at Millbank will be devoted to individual British artists from the 16th century onwards, or perhaps to a single aspect of an artist's work. Foreign artists who have had an impact on, or been affected by. British art could also be the subject of shows at the Tate Gallery of British Art, as might foreign artists who have lived in Britain. Britishness will be explored in all its facets.

Regional British schools, both historic and contemporary, will be featured occasionally, and there will be a place, too, for looking at movements from abroad which have influenced or been influenced by British artists. There will also be

themed exhibitions. drawing together the work of different British artists and, sometimes, their relevant foreign counterparts.

Meanwhile, to enter the Turbine Hall of the cathedral-like Bankside Power Station, a great industrial building in the heart of London, in its new role as the Tate Gallery of Modern Art. will be an amazing expe-rience. The scale of the building,

plus the imaginative transforma-Herzog and de Meuron, will bring in visitors who may never before have been to the Tate. They will not be disappointed.

The Bankside galleries, however. will be contemplative, quiet spaces. Visitors will be able to engage intimately with individual works. It thing to delight, stimulate and occasionally irritate everyone.

ankside displays will anchor international art in an essen-tially British environment. Visitors will expect our interpretation of the 20th century to be distinct from other European museums. Thus, British 20th-century artists will be prominent in this international context as well at Millbank. Special exhibitions will be devoted to all aspects of international 20th-century and later art. International art movements will be highlighted, as will individuals and groups of artists (including British artists), while exhibitions will explore the relationship between painting, sculpture, photography, film and architecture.

We expect that more than two million people a year will visit each gallery and that, encouraged by improved transport links between the two locations - including special buses and, we hope, riverboats - they will want to see both museums, as well as our sister galleries: the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery on Trafalgar Square. Such physical and intellectual connections will be important since, together, the two Tate galleries in London promise one of the most dynamic museum

The author is Director of the Tate Gallery. Mr Tate's Gallery will be shown on BBC2 on Monday at 7.40pm.

experiences in the world.

### The test of devolution is inward investment, not a Celtic vision of Europe, says Ted Rowlands

s one of the minority of 25 per cent who voted for Welsh devolution in 1979, I am not surprised that the old arguments have reopened so quickly. They reveal the tension not only within the Welsh Labour Party but among the Welsh public. Even the most favourable opinion polls reveal a high percentage of don't knows. Only when the don't knows are "squeezed", to use the pollsters phrase, does one arrive at a yes support of 43 per cent. The number of those bitterly opposed has fallen significantly, but ambivalence and

Much to the chagrin of the zealots involved in the yes campaign, a large proportion of the Welsh public does not buy the grandiose claims made for a Welsh Assembly, do not identify with their concept of Welsh nationhood, nor with the notion of a Wales repositioned as a small nation or

region in Europe. Indeed, I suspect the majority do not define their Welshness in institutional terms at all. In the absence of any meaningful institutions since the Act of Union in 1536, we define our Welshness in linguistic and cultural terms. It has been shaped by historic economic experience. That certainly is the case of the valley communities. They fear devolution as a nationalist's

We do not share a Wales in Europe vision based on some

### Wales cannot afford an assembly of zealots

between the Welsh and other Celtic and regional cultures. I find no evidence that we feel a greater affinity to the Basques, the Bretons orthe Bavarians, than to the people of Birmingham. The yes zealots, in fact, despise the enduring relationship of Wales in Britain.

However, to bolster the new view of Wales in Europe. exaggerated claims are made for a Welsh assembly. It will become the new economic powerhouse and give us an especially powerful voice in the corridors of the Brussels Commission. Further, unless we have one, the Scots and even the English regions will steal a march over us, corner the inward investment and a disproportionate amount of European Union funds. Without an

assembly, Wales will be ignored. . To give weight to these arguments, the economic success of some of Europe's regions has been assemblies. But there is no conclusive research proving a causal connection between elected assem-blies and economic growth. Some

grown, some have not. The case for democracy, frankly, has never been an economic one. Democracies are capable of making terrible economic mistakes. Autocracies are sometimes economically successful.

In the communities I represent, few believe that a Welsh Assembly will transform our economic life, or believe that, had there been one, our pits would not have closed. However, an assembly, we are told, will at least give us a greater voice in Europe. The Irish experience is much quoted. These claims are given some credence, deliberately so by the European Commission, which fosters the notion of a Europe of the regions to bypass the Council of Ministers.

But power resides with the Council of Ministers. We all might admire the skills of an Irish Government whose ministers on the Council have extracted a high price for their support. That is not the role that either a Welsh Assembly or Scottish Parliament will be able to play. They won't have a veto. They will be left to scratch

what is likely to be a diminishing regional fund competing with the needs of the new central European member states. What hope will there be of an enhanced regional budget when national governments will be painfully cutting their own expenditure to meet the monetary union targets?

The future of Wales cannot be dependent on some illusory hope of pulling harder at the purse strings of a smaller Euro-pean purse. Where Wales in Europe does matter is in terms of inward investment, due to its access to the European common market. In this respect, without an assembly, we have been remarkably successful, enjoying twice our share of inward investments.

This Welsh success story has been achieved by the pragmatic and skilful combination of the powers and influence of the Secretary of State alongside the Welsh Development Agency in partner-ship with local authorities. So is.

Yes - but it is fundamentally a pragmatic democratic one. The Welsh Office has accrued greater powers and a budget of more than E6 billion. A host of quangos has grown to deliver services on an all-Wales basis.

One of the fundamental tasks of representative bodies is to allocate, order priorities and scrutinise public expenditure. Westminster no longer does it properly. A large democratic deficit has grown. An assembly would remove that To do so does not require the

power of taxation. Taxation powers of the kind proposed for Scotland constitute tokenism of the worst kind. They are meaningless when one realises that 88 per cent of all Weish local government is financed from British taxation and borrowing. Taxation receipts raised in Wales fall short of expenditure by more than £5 billion — by the Maastricht criteria a borrowing requirement of 15 per cent of GDP. An elected assembly fulfilling a

traditional role of allocating and scrutinising, bridging the demo-cratic deficit, replacing the unrepresentative quangos, run along lean and puritanical lines could appeal to the Welsh electorate. We, however, don't need an assembly to redefine our Welshness. We know we are Welsh - and shall remain so - with or without one.

The author is MP for Merthyr

# A very private consort

The Prince should marry his mistress.

But the birthday party is a mistake

am all for press freedom," says a character by Tom Stoppard. "It's the journalists I can't stand.

I am sometimes asked how a specific public figure should deal and the answer universal. Don't. The question is invariably repeated. The press is so unfair, so inaccurate, so persistent. Surely a "good" journalist wants to tell the truth? Perhaps, I reply, but his version, not yours. Yet he only wants an interview and seems so nice. We need publicity for a charity, a book, a constituency, a marriage. Can it really be bad? Worse than bad, I say. Good publicity is in Heaven. The press wants bad publicity. Do not touch the press. This advice is strangely

licity is now the narcotic of public life. All my career I have watched politicians and inhale it, inject it, gorge on it. The more they get, the more they crave. it undermines

unwelcome. Pub-

their mental health, bloats their egos and wrecks the lives of their loved ones. Yet every interview promises a better trip, every photo opportunity will yield a Nuremberg rally. Disaster follows disaster. Misery is piled on misery. Yet still the addict craves the drug.

Thus my heart sank recently when I was asked what Camilla Parker Bowles might do to "set the record straight" on her public image. My informant told me that she was most upset by her treatment at the hands of the media. What could she do? Perhaps a discreet interview, a meeting with an editor, a staged photograph?

I was aghast. Mrs Parker Bowles had for some time been patron saint of Church of the Justly Private. She had obeyed its sacred rites. To the best of my knowledge, she had never sought an inch of publicity. She refused so much as a smile at an alien camera. There were no interviews, no photocalls. no "authorised friends". I had seen no "Day in the Life of", no "My Interiors", no preening self-regard disguised as a charity plug. There was just a name. a rumoured relationship and a luzzy photo-graph from a distance. Mrs Parker Bowles's friendship with Prince which she (though not he) had never brought into the public domain. If anyone was entitled to privacy, she was,

Surely she was not about to blow it. The press, I cried, is not to be "handled". Consort with the press and you tumble through the gates of Purgatory, to be consumed by reptiles, fire and torment. The only honest press agent was Hierony-mus Bosch. The Prince of Wales dabbled in this witchcraft and burnt not only his fingers but hands and arms up to the elbow. Press coverage is always assymetrical. The public figure craves what the press will never give, a sauna of public appreciation. The press wants what makes the public figure miserable, at best a onenight stand, at worst gang rape. Parker

Bowles still has her dignity and tact. Asking me to asking Cleopatra to suggest a good asp. This weekmuch-bruited

50th birthday party at Highgrove of the lady in question. The event is accompanied by the usual cast of

merry pundits. Professors, prelates, politicians and biographers queue up at the BBC to air their view on monarchy. church, state and people. Like disputants in Henry VIII's "Great Matter", they consult ancient tornes and fondle antique words such as adulterer, atonement, mistress, disestablishment, living in sin. They compete to use "morganatic" in a soundbite. Wolsey and Cranmer stir in their graves. Deep in the vaults of the Temple, learned friends rustle through papers and start clocks. Fat times are ahead for the cats.

I notice that the only people for whom this subject generates the slightest concern, as opposed to interest, are over 50. Ask a younger person about Prince Charles and shrug. So he married the wrong girl yonks ago. So they got di-vorced. So he wants to marry someone else he loves. Fine. It happens all the time. They say he may one day be King, a job for which he has pre-qualified. Fine again. The current wife of a King is known as a Queen, to love and support him in his work. Good luck



In 1975 the Prince and Camilla could meet discreetly. Now they are caught in the flashlight's glare

to them both. May they be happy. What's the problem? What's the

Test score? Even for the old guard, the Great Matter has become strangely circular. The King of England is head of a "Catholic" Church which, unlike the Roman Catholic Church. claims not to "recognise" divorce -like the judge who claimed not to recognise the Beatles. The Church cannot approve, let alone sanctify, the remarriage of its head. That is surely a problem for the Church of England, not the nation. As to whether the Church of England needs royal patronage more than royal patronage needs the Church, I happily leave it to others. If Gladstone could contemplate disestablishment, it cannot be too much

for Tony Blair. Yet a change in the marital status of a future head of state does require a change in the law, as well as the approval of the existing head of state. This is archaic. Only the most grotesque organisations ex-amine spouses during job selection. Hereditary jobs are peculiar since offspring have the benefit of a closed shop for the succession. With genetic engineering still in Its infancy, blood might be said to matter. But this assumes that

physical or mental prowess are crucial to monarchy. Those days are over. Nor is heredity likely to be an issue with Mrs Parker Bowles. if the law needs to be changed, change it. If Britain's "evolutionary" constitution needs to evolve.

evolve it. This must be the least dignified and significant debate in British politics. It can bring no particular joy to the public, and only anguish to those personally involved. Sensible people, certainly the overwhelming majority of young people, accept that the Prince and his friend should be able to marry. No public good lies in keeping them apart.

Tet pundits think of ever more devious reasons for obstructing them. It is said that public opinion will not accept Mrs Parker Bowles as Queen. It is true that heads of stateneed some popular legitimacy where they are unelected. Politicians have voters, teachers have pupils, sellers have markets. Royalty has no product, and no mirror in which to see itself reflected. Beyond a circle of sycophantic courtiers and admiring crowds, there stands only the press and the public. But public

fait accompil. Recent polls have shown a steady swing towards a marriage of Prince Charles and Mrs Parker Bowles. Last week's MORI poll for The Mail on Sunday showed 60 per cent in favour of the couple "staying together". Fifty per cent accepted that he could still be King, and a falling proportion (though still high at 7) per cent) accepted that Mrs Parker Bowles might be Queen. This shift in opinion has taken place against a background of churlish media comment and a blackout on publicity.

opinion has a habit of accepting a

The one thing that will wreck this satisfactory move towards the inevitable is if someone gets Mrs Parker Bowles mainlining on publicity. Consultants are already circling round her court. Stoats and weasels are shoving seductive offers under Gloucestershire doors. The ghastly panjandrum is on the move. If the present 50th birthday celebrations are intended as a prelude to a public relations offensive. I shudder to think what may ensue.

The press is a lousy proxy for public approval. What the public will most readily accept is the sight of a new and happy royal couple, and public duties conscientiously performed.

### **Prom queens**

Hall will see the resolution either way of a dispute between the Proms authorities and the performing orchestra, a visiting troupe

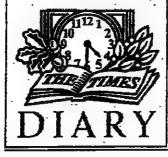


And what else did being a Tory MP equip you to do?

TOMORROW night's programme at the Proms in the Royal Albert began when the Ensemble Modern began when the Ensemble Modern from Frankfurt, who will be playing a controversial programme of Frank Zappa and Steve Reich numbers, made the unprecedented demand that the Albert Hall organ be tuned to 442Hz rather than the 440Hz, to which it has been tuned since its installation in 1871.

Not so fast, said Proms organisers. The only way to achieve the desired 442Hz is by raising the temperature of the hall to 25C. "We have been in touch with the BBC weather office and it will be touch and go whether we can achieve the right temperature," said one of the organisers. "In the end, it all depends on how heated the audience gets. If we cannot raise the temperature, they will just have to play out of tune."

Asked why the German orchestra is unable to tune its instruments to the organ rather than vice versa. the organisers said: "Either it is to do with the fixed pitch of the percussion, or else they are just make appropriate jet noises, tilt



being awkward." The Ensemble Modern's controversial demands are matched only by their choice of music. One piece by the 20thcentury composer Lou Harrison. Concerto for Organ and Percussion, involves the organist striking the organ keys with a mallet. Not what Sir Henry Wood would call

 Yesterday saw President Nelson Mandela turn 79 with a tribute from the financially afflicted South African Airways printed in most of the main newspapers. Under a picture of a jumbo jet are the instructions: "Hold newspaper at arm's length in front of you,

wards, keep lifting over your head and gasp in awe. Repeat 79 times."

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Nice work

SEVEN previously unpublished manuscripts by Agatha Christie have been unearthed by her daughter and grandson. The short stories, all discovered on the pages of lost literary magazines of the 1920s. such as The Sketch and The Strand, are to be published in one volume called While the Light Lasts and Other Stories by HarperCollins next month.

David Bawn, the Editor at HarperCollins behind the forthcoming publication, is palpitating: Anything new by Agatha Christie is of great interest. These ones are slightly different to her normal stuff inasmuch as they are not crime stories so much as romantic stories or stories based on the

supernatural." Stephen Prichard, Agatha Christie's grandson, said: "We knew they existed, it was simply a question of finding the magazines in which the stories had been originally published. There are some interesting

perts will leap on."

Fishy tale

CUSTOMERS at the new Rainforest Café in London, which promises to "re-create the rainforest through a combination of live and animated tropical flora and fauna",

techniques which I am sure the ex-



Lucky find: Agatha Christie

fish floating to the top of their tank. dead. The café has a menagerie of live macaws and parrots, simulated, animatronic elephants and a

talking banyan tree called Tracy. all happily tolerated by the fish. A waiter at the restaurant explained: There is a problem with the plastic coral at the bottom of the tank. Some of the fish died and when they put some more in, they died too. An investigator is coming in to take a look this week."

have been surprised to see tropical

Hair, hair

THURSDAY night saw the annual party thrown by Phillip Oppen-heim, the former Tory MP for Amber Valley, an all-round bloke. Accompanied by his Border collie. Vom, he entertained the likes of Michael Portillo, the unforgivable Jerry Hayes, numerous Commons secretaries and a smattering of exweather girls at his Chelsea home. Missing from his bathroom were. the usual array of hair-restorer products. Having given up on rethatching, he is ploughing his money into facial scrubs instead.

Having recovered from this reve-



New venture: Oppenheim

lation, guests spoke of Oppenheim's various new projects. He has just about finished his novel not that Salman Rushdie need lose any sleep - and is to embark on a magazine project with Adrian Lithgow. The Mail on Sundays saurian former political correspondent. Oppenheim says this is at an early stage, but the talk is that it will be a sort of Loaded magazine

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### PEACE ON WHOSE TERMS?

An IRA ceasefire does not end the need for vigilance

Gerry Adams' call on the IRA to institute a ceasefire offers hope to Northern Ireland. and creates a formidable challenge for politicians across these islands. The peace process, fragile after a fraught marching season, has entered a new phase. There are opportunities to be grasped but there are also grave potential dangers. The silencing of republican guns would bring welcome, and overdue, respite for Ulster's people but the need for vigilance has not disappeared. The last IRA ceasefire was cynical, tactical and short-lived. Even as republicans protested their peaceful credentials mortars were tested and bombs primed. There is no evidence that Sinn Fein or the IRA have changed since then; their commitment to a united Ireland is unswerving. Only last week a republican bomb with the potential to create horrendous loss of life was discovered in Londonderry.

What has changed is the composition, and attitude of the British and Irish Governments. Both have been assiduous in their attention to republican demands. It is no coincidence that the statement from Gerry Adams follows an agreement between London and Dublin which would allow terrorists to enter talks, and remain at the table, without having to surrender a single bullet. If the IRA is serious about a permanent renunciation of violence and willing to accept the rules of democracy then an historic settlement could be possible which might give Ulster the peace and stability its people deserve. If, however, republicans engage in another tactical suspension and are determined to see Northern Ireland wrenched out of the United Kingdom then the terms on which

they have been wooed will prove perilous. It may seem pessimistic to the point of perversity to enter caveats when hearts earn to hope. It would, however, be worse than naive to forget at this moment all that has been learnt about the IRA during the murderous years of their long war. Clearsightedness about their aims and strategy is a precondition of progress. Republicans have been heartened by the election in Dublin of a Government determined to champion nationalist interests rather than approach the peace process even-handedly. They still enjoy powerful support in the United States and know the SDLP leadership will do everything in its power to get

them, and keep them, in talks. The assembly of this pan-nationalist front gives republicans political muscle and the deal on decommissioning means they do not have to barter away weapons to exercise it. Additionally, republicans believe the election in London of a Government with a large majority makes marginalising Unionist voices more easy. From where Sinn Fein sits it does not believe it has to budge. After all, it has not had to move until now.

The Government's stated determination that negotiations on Ulster's future will be time-limited may appear to put pressure on republicans to bend lest others reach a consensus uncongenial to them. Sinn Fein will, however, be inclined to believe the opposite. Republicans hope that if no agreement is reached around the talks table next May then the two Governments will impose a "solution" over the parties' heads. Since that is what Sinn Pein wants, there is hardly an incentive to reach agreement.

That "solution", which Republicans envisage as a staging post on the path to Ulster's ejection from the Union, may be put to the people in a referendum. Sinn Fein is, however, hopeful that in any referendum the British Government will act as an advocate for a settlement opposed by the representatives of those who wish to stay British. The prospect of thus provoking Unionist discontent, and potentially encouraging loyalist violence, will only delight a movement which has spent 25 years trying to destabilise the Province. Republicans may be engaging in wishful thinking, but given the way in which the peace process has been shaped to their needs so far their expectations are far from irrational. Their mountain of weapons has forced ministers to come to them, and that mountain will remain.

The weeks ahead will require resolution from the British Government if the power of the pan-nationalist front is not to shape a solution for Northern Ireland contrary to the interests, and wishes, of the Unionist majority. Optimists believe that, if in talks, republicans would find themselves constrained by the need to accept the principle of consent and must learn to live with the Union, albeit a modernised one. Republicans have, however, shown no desire so far to live with anything other than the certainty of their cause and an armalite within reach. A new ceasefire changes much, but not that.

### **CLINTON FOR GORE**

### White House endorsement is a mixed electoral blessing

With a mere 1,207 days remaining, the contest for the American presidential election is already under way. Were it not for the inconvenience of the American Constitution which limits the chief executive to two terms - President Clinton would doubtless seek re-election himself. As he cannot, he has decided instead to designate his successor. As we report today, through policy, personnel, and personal intervention. Mr Clinton is actively assisting the ambitions of Albert Gore. This breaks with long-established precedents that presidents remain aloof from such matters until after their party has

selected a candidate. Mr Gore must also he somewhat uncertain about the value of this early endorsement. Mr Clinton's staunch support is not an undiluted blessing. Presidential enthusiasm is hardly essential to Mr Gore's prospects. An incumbent Vice-President possesses formidable assets in the American electoral process. These include high name recognition, the ability to raise the \$20 million or more required to run for the office seriously, and considerable influence over the rules of the race itself through control over the party organisation.

These advantages have allowed three postwar Vice-Presidents - Richard Nixon, Hubert Humphrey and George Bush - to capture their party's standard despite subdued support from the President whom they served. If Mr Clinton said absolutely nothing, Mr Gore would still be the likely Democratic contender.

Such a period of silence might assist the Vice-President. As Mr Gore knows better than most, the Clinton presidency has been a roller coaster experience. For the past six months, the President has been relatively popular: some 60 per cent of Americans register their backing for him in opinion polls. But that standing is strongly linked to, and contingent upon, the present robust health of the American economy. Even now, at the peak of his appeal, a clear majority of Americans believe that Mr Clinton's legacy will be the scandals associated with him in power rather than policy accomplishments.

Association with this President may not seem as attractive in the year 2000 as it is today. Mr Gore's reputation for personal integrity has largely enabled him to remain immune from the political impact of the President's private indiscretions. Neither Whitewater nor alleged sexual harassment can possibly be tied to him. But he has been implicated in the set of campaign finance scandals that have hampered the Administration since the onset of its second term. The current Senate investigation into the links between the Democratic Party and numerous dubious Asian political contributors may yet produce more evidence that embarrasses Mr Gore.

Even if the President remains relatively popular, the Vice-President still needs to prove himself as an independent politician. It is unlikely that the American people will simply be seeking a surrogate for a third Clinton term. George Bush never fully escaped from the shadows of Ronald Reagan. Mr Clinton cuts a less substantial figure but Mr Gore is nevertheless inescapably linked to him. That could yet prove a liability that denies him the chance to take the oath of office in his own right.

### **PENNIES FROM PLUVIUS**

Now is the season for discount tents

For those Britons about to set off across the Channel in search of sun, fun and as much lager as their bulging purses, weighed down by the fruits of a soaring pound, will buy, the Met Office has an unwelcome message. The British summer has reached the Continent before the island's natives. The weather forecast for most of Europe is rain, followed by more rain. It has been falling in torrents in Poland and the Czech Republic, causing catastrophic flooding. Rain is spreading west, has already drenched Austria, and is threatening to wash out the British political establishment in Tuscarry and the Dordogne.

To those of us on this drizzly isle, the forecast is unusual; rain advancing from the east is not the experience of seasoned country folk. The giant vortex whirling the black clouds around the edge of the continent may pressage something even more ominous, however: a global disruption of weather patterns that brings downpours to the deserts and dries up the rainforests. It all seems to be the fault of an unruly South . American child: El Niño, the tepid current that flows up the coast of Peru and Ecuador

every Christmas. When it overheats, everything goes haywire. The winds blowing the warm air west slacken, the oceans around Australia cool, the eastern Pacific heats up. the rains that should fall in the Philippines fall in Latin America and the weather all the way up to Malibu destroys villas, fish stocks, crops and national economies.

When this child of the sea is temperamental, the world suffers. Last time El Niño threw a tantrum, in 1982, it caused damage estimated at \$13 billion worldwide, and set back the economy of Peru for a decade.

The rain now falling in Bohemia may, of course, have nothing to do with the Pacific. All manner of other reasons have been advanced, ranging from the volcanic explosion on Montserrat to global warming and world climatic change. Meteorologists will argue while the raindrops keep falling, but ignore the real reason. British holidaymakers have rarely had so much money to spend abroad. They are all ready to flaunt almighty sterling on the sun-soaked Mediterranean. That is the very moment for Pluvius to spoil our fun.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

### Public attitudes to lowering homosexual age of consent

From Miss Elizabeth Smith

Sir. Roger Scruton's intelligent and discerning comments about the ethical issues involved in the sexual conduct of modern teenagers ("Our sexual supermarket". July 15) convey a message which is too important to be confined to the pages of The Times.

Liberal attitudes to sex are respon-sible for causing confusion in the minds of young people about what constitutes a moral sexual relationship and what is simply an act of selfindulgence. No parent or teacher should pretend otherwise.

Mr Scruton's message must surely be spelt out to a much wider and younger audience.

ELIZABETH J. SMITH. 42 Braid Farm Road, Edinburgh 10.

From Ms Helen Power

Sir. The Government and the Synod are fiddling while Rome burns [reports, July 15: letters, July 18]. For
God's sake, let's get on with knowingly and joyfully ordaining gay
priests (who have much to give to the
Church); let's equalise the age of consent to 16 and let's openly acknowledge that gay Armed Forces personnel have as much right as anyone to

Then we can all get on with doing what matters: trying to create a moral framework in which it is the quality of relationships, both personal and pro-fessional, which alone counts.

Yours sincerely HELEN POWER. 46 Stallcourt Avenue. Penylan, Cardiff. hpower@glam.ac.uk

From Mr Paul Barnes

**Future of EU** 

From the President of the

leading article, July 17).

precisely such measures.

the EU for the 21st century.

JEREMY HARGREAVES,

52 Horseferry Road, SWI.

Dean Bradley House,

Euro notes

Yours sincerely.

Young European Movement,

Yours faithfully

President.

July 17.

Young European Movement

Sir. We in Britain should welcome the

proposals of the European Commis-

Union (report, later editions, July 16;

For a number of years Britain has

been arguing — rightly — for the EU not to forget the new democracies of

Eastern Europe and for much-needed

reforms to the common agricultural

policy. Now the European Commis-

sion, often seen only as the evil motor

of federalist integration, is proposing

brace the opportunity to ensure that

Britain plays her full part in shaping

From Mr Selvyn Hodson-Pressinger

Sir. The European Commission's dec-

ision ("Hopes for 'plastic euro' fade",

Business, July 14) to scrap plans to

print euro notes on plastic is emin-

ently sensible in view of Australia's

Having Her Majesty's face dis-

appear of its own accord from Aust-

ralia's plastic bank-notes will be an

irony not lost on Euro-enthusiasts or

Australian republicans. However, for

Britons it merely serves to remind us

Australia will probably still be using paper dollar bills with the Queen's face when we are using faceless euros.

SELWYN HODSON-PRESSINGER,

Sir, Before hastening to encompass

human rights within British legisla-

tion (letters, July 11, 16), would it not be

prudent first to define a charter of

duties that those wishing to seek their

4 Lyall Street, Belgravia, SWI.

Rights and duties

From Mr Patrick O'Brien

rights need to fulfil?

Yours truly.

P. O'BRIEN,

heaven's sake!

7505 Paris.

Yours faithfully.

ANNE MESTRAVICK.

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July 16.

2 Evening Glade,

Ferndown, Dorset.

Death of Versace

From Miss Anne McStravick

Sir, Gianni Versace was certainly the

victim of a gruesome crime, but The

Times announced the fact in a head-

line across the width of the front page.

He was only a dressmaker, for

less than successful experiment.

We should applaud this and em-

Sir, One of the key arguments Roger Scruton puts forward for a higher age of consent for homosexuals is that young men will be at risk from homosexual advances if the age were to be lowered. Although this is a well-worn theory, all the evidence disproves it.

In almost every European country there is an equal age of consent. In many it is to years or less. Yet I know of no evidence that young men in these countries are at any greater risk than those in Britain, where the age of consent for homosexuals is currently

This same argument was used in 1993 by those who opposed a lowering of the age to 18. Yet four years on, the tide of procurement and seduction that they so firmly predicted has failed

We should not use such spurious arguments to defend discrimination.

PAUL BARNES. 34 Springdale Road, NI6.

From Mr David Bevan

Sir. I have long respected Roger Scruton for his liberal views. In the interests of keeping him fully informed, therefore, I must point out that on the Croisette yesterday I saw more than one example of elderly heterosexual men in the company of women apparently several years, if

not some generations, their juniors. Looking further afield, the terraces of the cases in Monte Carlo are populated with "older" women, either singly or in groups, apparently quite untroubled by men of any age.

Is this purely a Riviera phenom-enon, or has Mr Scruton ascribed to homosexuals alone the quality of ad-

### Influence of youth

From Mr Joe Partridge

Sir, Considering Euan Blair's rumoured influence on policy concerning the environment and the millennium and the sway the royal princes apparently exert on their mother's plans, might it not be worth lowering the age of consent, voting and everything else to 12 and have done with it? Yours faithfully.

JOE PARTRIDGE. 86 Idmiston Road, West Dulwich, SE27. miring the young for some other reason?

Yours faithfully. DAVID BEVAN,

Villa Egée ! Avenue de la Rochefoucauld, Esplanade du Golfe, 00400 Cannes, dhevan@cix.compulink.co.uk

From the General Director of the Evangelical Alliance UK

Sir, Undoubtedly the Church must oppose prejudice within its midst over homosexuality; but that is not the same as complying with cultural pressure to abandon its historic teachings on sexuality.

The teachings of Jesus, the Bible and the traditions of the Church give no room for sex outside of monogamous, lifelong heterosexual marriage. This position, supported by the majority of biblical scholars over the past 2.000 years, does not single out gay men and women; it equally applies to premarital sex and adultery.

Yours sincerely. JUEL EDWARDS. General Director. Evangelical Alliance UK. 186 Kennington Park Road, SEII.

From Mr James Glucksman

Sir, While I agree with much of Roger Scruton's article, I was saddened by his claim that homosexuals tend to prey on youth, and by his citing Plato as proof thereof.

The assumption that the young are "lured" into homosexuality by old perverts, only to become in due time old perverts themselves and to continue the process, has long been a crutch on which to lean in order to deny rights to homosexuals. It is no more demonstrably true than the notion that all homosexuals are effeminate, and I am dismayed to see it perpetuated in The Times.

Yours etc JAMES GLUCKSMAN. 5310 Summit Drive. Fairfax, 22030 Virginia, USA.

### Coming to terms with junk mail

From Mr Robert Breckman

Sir. Your correspondence concerning junk mail (July 17) has not mentioned ems out through a letterbox via the Royal Mail.

I have a notice on my door stating, "NO CARDS, NO LEAFLETS, NO MAGAZINES" and when a publisher ignored my repeated letters asking him not to deliver his magazine. I ultimately took him to the county court for trespass and won costs and

compensation. Others similarly pestered should do likewise to control this pervasive invasion of our privacy.

Yours faithfully: ROBERT BRECKMAN, Breckman & Co (Chartered accountants), 49 South Molton Street, WI.

From Mr Brin Hodge

Sir. Would someone please explain why they find junk mail so irritating? I prefer it to come in a gaudy envelope which tells me what is inside, so that it can go straight into the recycling box without giving me the task of opening it first. How much more civilised than an unsolicited phone call.

I do nothing that I am ashamed of.

who is prepared to pay them to find out whether I pay my bill monthly good luck to them. And as for the letters, they provide a welcome additional source of income for the Post Office one of the few institutions still actually owned by the nation.

If the gas company can find someone

Yours faithfully, BRIN HODGE. 42 Windmill Avenue Wokingham, Berkshire.

From Sir Edward Peck

Sir. A new and peculiarly irritating form of junk mail has just assailed me. On two successive mornings I have found my personal fax machine, intended for precious overnight communication with close relatives in farflung continents, emitting (the same on both occasions) advertising material, thus interfering with time on my machine, wasting my expensive

fax paper and exhausting the roll. I have replied suitably - by fax. Is there any way to stop this form of in-

Yours faithfully. EDWARD PECK. East Torrans. Tomin Toul, Banfishire.

### Happy ending From the Ambassador of Austria

Sir, May I comment on your report today, headed "Von Trapps' happy

ending". The 1965 American-made film musical, The Sound of Music. has never been banned in Austria. There would have been no legal basis or any other reason for such an act. The film was made primarily for the American market and was therefore shot in English. It only made its way to Austrian cinemas and TV after a German-dubbed version had been produced.

The view of the von Trapps in postwar Austria has always been a favourable one. Most Austrians agreed with Georg von Trapp's attitude and there was never any official criticism of his decision to leave Austria under Nazi rule. In 1957 the Austrian Federal President bestowed the Decoration of Honour in Gold for services to the Republic of Austria upon Maria von

Trapp.
This week's ceremony in Stowe, Vermont, coincided with a visit by 89 cadets of the graduating class of the Theresianum Military Academy, who three years ago chose Georg von Trapp as their class patron. The presence of the Austrian Consul General was meant as an official tribute and a warm sign of appreciation of the von Trapps by a new generation of Aust-

Sincerely yours, EVA NOWOTNY, Austrian Embassy 18 Belgrave Mews West, SWI.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

### The northern line

From Mr Frank Wood

Sir. In your third leader (July 15) you state that Richard Hannay left London from King's Cross on what is now the East Coast main line. This is not so. He caught a train from St Pancras to Glasgow, via Leeds, Settle, Carlisle and Dumfries, where he changed to a local train for Newton Stewart.

Yours sincerely. F. B. WOOD, 30 Templewood, W13. woodf-l@dircon.co.uk

From Mr Robert H. Foster

Sir, Shame on your leading article, which states that the East Coast main line is "one of the . . . fastest in Britain, the premier route from London to Scotland where the Flying Scotsman broke the world speed record ... ".

Measured by average train speed it is the fastest, and has been so for much of the time since the West Coast route from Euston narrowly won the race to Aberdeen in 1895. It holds all three traction speed records: 126mph by the steam locomotive Mallard in 1938. 143mph by an Inter-City 125 diesel train in 1976 and 154mph by an electric locomotive in 1995.

None of these was achieved by either the steam locomotive Flying Scotsman, or by the train of that name, which the 10am King's Cross-Edinburgh-Glasgow Central still carries (the two are often confused).

All records were achieved by specially operated shortened trains. The first two are world records and likely to remain so: the third is exceeded daily in France. Germany and Japan.

Yours faithfully. R. H. FOSTER. Winterburn Grange, Nr Skipton, North Yorkshire.

### Art and craft in church sculpture

From Mr Peter Burman

Sir, James Dunnett's letter (July 12) does a service in calling attention to the important sculpture commissions in prospect at Westminster Abbey, but I am not sure that he is right to make such a sharp distinction between "artists" and "craftsmen". There are many ways of achieving good results.

Here in York, after a great debate locally and nationally, we are in the process of acquiring a new west doorway which will, I suspect, astonish the

world by its beauty and interest. The designs for the new sculpture have been modelled by sculptor Rory Young, after consultation about their theological significance with a member of the chapter, and carved by the outstanding team of carvers in the

Minster stoneyard. These carvers are men and women of great skill and sensitivity: the quality of their work can be seen from the finished examples on show in the

At Wells Cathedral one of the most successful new works is the king, made about 15 years ago by Simon Verity, a sculptor indeed but not too proud to work on the west front as a conservator so as to be able to under stand thoroughly the language and

gravitas of its 13th-century style. At Lincoln, where I am chairman of the Fabric Advisory Council, we have new sculptures for the west front by John Roberts (an independent carver) and by Alan Micklethwaite (a member of our own stonemasonry and stone-conservation team) which I would be prepared to defend in any

I question whether the sculptures of our great medieval Western cathedrais would normally have been made by the Ghibertis and Donatellos of their day; some were, of course, just as the Christ in Majesty at Wells was made by David Wynne and the Christ Welcoming at Liverpool by Dame El-isabeth Frink (neither of which looks entirely convincing in its context, I

I suggest that they were more often made by carvers who were close members of a team, intimately associated with the building and thoroughly familiar with the context in

which they were working. I would like to see more of their kind today and I would like to see carvers given more confidence by getting more commissions, on buildings both ecclesiastical and secular. We have a superabundance of talent in Britain in this field and, as the Secret ary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has so eloquently stated in your pages (article, July 15), we need to recognise artistic work for the great national asset it is.

Yours sincerely, PETER BURMAN (Director). Centre for Conservation Studies. Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies.

University of York, The Kings Manor, York YO! 2EP. July 16.

From Mr Simon Armstrong

Sir. Mr James Dunnett is not alone in his misconceived prejudice against 20th-century stonemasons. At Wells Cathedral copies of some of the angels from niches on the west front are being commissioned from an independent artist, not from the cathedral

stonemasons. Why do attitudes like this prevail? The craftsmen who designed and constructed these magnificent buildings were both technicians and artists. For example, in the 13th century Alexander of Abingdon, whilst working on the Eleanor Cross at Waltham, was referred to indiscriminately in contemporary accounts as imaginator (sculptor) and caementarius (stone-

There are many stonemasons today who are able to turn from dressing stone blocks to carving statuary with all the skills and anonymity of their medieval counterparts. There is no need for a distinction to be made between craftsman and artist.

The idea that there was an insuperable barrier between the worker and the artist... was expressed... by intellectuals who judged, classified and stratified manual work of which they had no experience" (The Cathedral Builders, Jean Gimpel, 1983).

Yours faithfully, SIMON ARMSTRONG (Cathedral stonemason), 8 High Street, Nunney, Somerset. July 14.

### Cathedral closure

From Mrs M. J. Peel

Sir. In this college, for retired members of the clergy of the Church of England, our priests all hold strong. but not necessarily the same views on matters of doctrine, ritual and ethics, but on one issue they are unequivocally united: "Never upset the church flower-arrangers."

With their combined decades of experience, they know that Lady Bannerman (letter, July In: see also letters, July 18) takes on flower-arrangers at her peril!

Yours truly. DALONI PEEL The College of St Barnabas. Blackberry Lane, Lingfield, Surrey,

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### **COURT CIRCULAR**

Battalion.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Rochelle

upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer. 5th

His Royal Highness this eve-ning attended a Dinner on the eve

of the Royal International Air Tattoo at Royal Air Force, Fairford.

and was received by Her Majesty's

Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucester

July 18: Queen Elizabeth The

ited Royal Air Force Manston and

unveiled the Thanet Allied Air

the Cinque Ports, subsequently arrived at Walmer Castle, Dame Frances Campbell-Pres-

ton and Sir Alastair Aird were in

moon visited the Broneirian Flower

Festival at the Guides Cymru Training Centre, Llandinam, to

relebrate lifty years of Guiding at

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Powys (Mr Mervyn

July 18: The Duke of Gloucester today presented the Construction Industry Training Board's prizes

Industry Training Board's prizes at the Civil Engineering College. Bircham Newton, King's Lynn, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk (Sir

July 18: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon took the Salute at the

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

July 18: Princess Alexandra, President, this afternoon attended a

Service of Thanksgiving to belebrate the Tenth Antiversary of St Matthew's Children's Fund for

Ethiopia in the Church of St Alban

the Martyr, Brooke Street. Hol-

Her Royal Highness, accompa-nied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus

Ogilvy, this evening took the Salute at a performance of the

Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London SW5.

The Rev Geoffrey Gillard, Asso-

riate Principal, St Albans & Oxford

Ministry Course (St Albans): to Priest-in-Charge, Harrold and Carlton w Chellington (same

The Rev Jonathan Hagger, Curate, St Bede, Newsham (Newcastle): 10 be Curate, St Gabriel, Heaton

The Rev Andrew Hamilton, Chan

lain, Bishop Wand School

(London): to be Chaplain HM

The Rev Philip Hudd, Priest-In-

Charge, St Mark, Kirkby (Liverpool): to be Team Vicar,

The Rev Denis Huntley, Chaplain, Halifax Hospitals (Wakefield): to

be Chaplain, Leeds Centre for Deaf People and member of the

Leeds City Team (Ripon). The Rev Christopher Kitchener, Vicar, St Mary, Gravesend (Roch-

Church news

Appointments

diocese).

Prison Bristol.

KENSINGTON PALACE

Timothy Colman KG).

ST JAMES'S PALACE

YORK HOUSE

London SWS.

Bourdillon).

KENSINGTON PALACE July 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Guide Association, this after-

Her Majesty, Lord Warden of

en Mother this afternoon vis-

shire (Mr Henry Elwes).

CLARENCE HOUSE

Crew Memorial Status

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 18: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Derby Station this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire (Mr

John Bather). Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to the new Derby County Football Club and were received by the Chairman (Mr Lionel Pickering) and the Mayor of the City of Derby (Councillor John

Fuller). The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh met Club officials and players, before Her Majesty opened the Stadium.

The Queen afterwards visited the Royal School for the Deaf and was received by the Chairman of Governors (Mr David Do Celite Muller) and the Principal (Mr

Timothy Silvester).

Her Majesty watched a performance of signed singing and an athletic display, and presented

The Queen subsequently opened the new Resource Centre for the

Her Majesty later opened the new Derbyshire Children's Hospital and was received by the Chairman (Mr Norman Woods) and the Chairman of the Kite Appeal (Mr Michael Thornton). The Queen, with The Duke of

Edinburgh, who have previously visited Rolls Royce, this afternoon honoured the Chairman (Sir Ralph Robins) with her presence at Luncheon at the Sir Henry Royce

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later visited Hardwick Hall and were received by the Chairman of the National Trust (Mr Charles Nunneley) and the Duchess of Devonshire Finally, The Queen opened the new offices of the District of

Bolsover and was received by the Chairman (Councillor Mrs Pamela Richardson). The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, later visited the Royal Yorkshire

Yacht Club, Windsor Crescent, Bridlington, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire (Mr Richard Marriott). **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

July 18: The Duke of York, Colonelin-Chief. The Royal Irish Regi-ment, this afternoon received

Royal engagements |

The Princess Royal, as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend an open-air concert in

Ballindalloch Castle Ground.

Ballinda/loch, Banifshire at 7.00.

The Duke of Kent, as President,

RAF Benevolent Fund, will attend the International Air Tattoo, at

RAF Pairford. Gloucestershire,

The Duke of Gloucester will attend

the Royal International Air Tattoo

Mrs Patricia Dilley, President of the Institute of Legal Executives, presided at a reception and dinner held last night at Chatsworth

House, Derbyshire, after her elec-tion at the first meeting of the council. District Judge David

Upman also spoke. Among others

Diffrant association of the present were:
Mr Geoffrey Hoon, MP, Judge lan Davidson, QC, the President of the Nortingham Law Society and the President of the Derby Law Society.

The following have been elected

officers of the Company of Water-men and Lightermen of the River

Master, Mr J.C. Jenkinson; Senior

Warden, Mr C. Livett; Junior Wardens, Mr J.G. Johnson, Mr

Ma Helen Wond, Mr Paul Raymond Carr and Mr Phillip Pelly in be District Judges. Ms Wood took up her appointment on the North East of Circuit on huma 20. Mc Carand

em Circuit on June 30. Mr Carr and

Mr Pelly were assigned to the South

Eastern Circuit, from July I and July

L.G. Barrow, Mr C.G. Newens,

Appointments

Thames for the ensuing year:

Watermen and

Lightermen

TODAY:

Dinner

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### Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Lord Justice Auld, 60; Lord Bethell, 59: Mr David Bowe. MEP, 42; Sir Norman Brain. former diplomat, 90; Mr Cameron Cochrane, former Headmaster. Fettes College, 64; Judge Viscount Colville of Culross, QC, 64; Professor R. Duckworth, Emeritus Professor of Oral Medicine. London University, 68; Baroness Elles. 76; Miss Evelyn Glennie. percussionist, 32: Sir Anthony Grabham, former chairman, Joint Consultants Committee, 67: Major-General D.E. Isles, 73; Dr Carole Jordan, FRS, astronomer, S6; Mr Richard Knight, former Headmaster, Oundle and Monkton Combe schools, 82; Sir Herbert Laming, civil servant, 61: Mr Brian R.W. Lockhart, Headmaster, Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, 53: Professor Mary McGeown, nephrologist, 74; Mr Brian May, rock guitarist, 50; Sir David Money-Courts, former chairman, Couts and Company, 66; Mr Dominic Muldowney, director of music, National Theatre, 45; Mr Ilie Nastase, tennis David Parry-Evans, 62: Mr Dennis Stevenson, trustee's chairman. Tate Gallery. 52 Judge Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London. 73: Professor Adrian Webb. Vice-73; Protessor Adrian Webn, vice-chancellor, Glamorgan Univer-sity, 54; Mr Henry Wendt, former charman. SmithKline Beecham. 64; Professor Richard Whitfield, Warden, St. George's House, TOMORROW: The Marquess of

Aberdeen and Temair. 77; Sir Christopher Benson, joint deputy chairman, Royal and Sun Alliance insurance Group, 64: Lady Mar-garet Colville, 79: Professor Sir John Dacie, haematologist, 85; M Jacques Delors, former President. Commission of the European Community, 72: Sir Antony Driver, former chairman, South West Thames Regional Health Authority, 77; Mr E.O.M. Eilledge, chairman, BTR, 62; General Sir Jack Harman, 77: Mrs Sylvia Heal, MP. 55; Sir Edmund Hillary, KG, first man to reach the summit of Mount Everest, 78: Mr Edward Leigh, MP, 47: Lord McGowan, 59; Mr Charlie Magri, former boxer, 40; Miss Elizabeth Manners, former Headmistress. Felixstowe College, 80; Lord Palumbo, 62: Sir Jeffrey Petersen. former diplomat. 77: Mr Walter Plowright, FRS, veterinarian, 74; Mr Michael Quinn, chef, 51; Mr John Rees, former Head Master. Biundeil's School, 54; Dame Diana Rigg, actress, 59; Viscount Simon, 57; Viscount Slim, 70; Miss Elizabeth Tucker, former Headmistress, Headington School, Oxford, 61; Mr John Whyte, for-mer managing director, British



This dramatic poster, A is for Apple, was designed by Simon and Marijke to promote the Beatles' shop in Baker Street, London. It is one of many pieces of original artwork, rare posters, handbills and flyers for concerts, Underground magazines, album covers and photographs of psychedelic events from the Sixties that Bonhams Chelsea will be auctioning on September 16 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the "Summer of Love"

### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop of Canterbury 1663-77, Ellastone, Staffordshire, 1598; Edgar Degas, painter, Paris, 1834; Edward Pickering, astronomer. Boston, Massa Charles Mayo, surgeon, Rochester, Minnesota, 1965; A.J. Cronin, novelist, Cardross, Strathclyde, 1896: Herbert Marcuse, philosopher, Berlin, 1900.

DEATHS: Petrarch, poet, Padua, 1374; Matthew Flinders, navigator, London, 1814; John Playfair, mathematician, Edinburgh, 1819; Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Winchesser 1869-73, Abinger, Surrey, 1873; Syngman Rhee, 1st

President of the Republic of Korea. 1948-60, Hambulu, 1965. The Mary Rose, the pride of King Henry VIII's bettle fleet, sank in the Solent, 1545.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel's steamship Great Western was launched at Bristol, 1837. The first all-metal liner, Brunel's Great Britain, was bunched from Bristol. 1843; and brought back to Britain from the Palklands on this day, 1970.

TOMORROW BIRTHS: Petrarch, poet, Areaso, Imiy, 1304: Hans Willem Bentinck, lst Earl of Portland, statesman, Holland, 164% John Charles Reith. General of the BBC (927-38, Stonehaven, Grampian, 1889; Namile Wood, actress, 1938. DEATHS: Hugh O'Neill, 2nd Earl of Tyrone, Rome, lolo: Catherine Arme Southey, poet, Lymington, Hampshire, 1854; Sir Richard Wallace, collector of works of art, Paris, 1890; Gugilelmo Marcool, physicist, Nobel haureage 1909, Rome, 1937; King Abdullair of

Jordan, reigned 1928-51, assar-sinated, Jerusalem, 1951; Iain Mac-leod, politician, 1970; Charles Mark Boxer (Marc), cartoonist, The Spanish Armada set sail for England from Corunna, 1588. Euston station was opened, 1837. The attempted assassination of

### Marriages

Mr A.S. Borchardt and Miss C.R. Johnson The marriage took place on July 12. 1997, in Sf James' Church, Louth, Lincolnshire, of Mr Alexander Shon Borchardt, elder son of Dr and Mrs Felix Borchardt, of Fladbury, Worcestershire, to Miss Caren Rebekkah Johnson, only daughter of Mr Kenneth Johnson, of Lincoln, and Mrs Carol Dodds,

of Louth, Lincolnshire. Mr P. Fleming

and Miss J. Carter The marriage took place on Sat-urday, July 12, at St Mary's Church, Great Baddow, between Mr Philip Fleming, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Fleming, of Steeple Barton, Oxfordshire, and Miss Jane Carter, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Carter, of Great Baddow, Essex. The Rev Roger Wakely officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Chloe and Hermione Fleming, Katie Vrijlandt and Oliver Jacobs. Mr Rory Fleming was best man.
A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr M. Lovett

The marriage took place on Tues-day, July 15, in Reading, of Mr Mark Lovett, son of the late Mr Alfred Lovett and of Mrs Mary Lovett, of Horsham, West Sussex to Miss Anne Brown, daughter of the late Mr Frank Brown and of Mrs Dorothy Brown, of Chester field, Derbyshire.

### University news

Course Belfast Professor George Bain to be Vice-Chancellor of the Queen's Univer-sity of Belfast from January 1, 1998. He will succeed Sir Gordon Beveridge who retires on September 30. Professor Bain is at present Principal of the London Business School Forthcoming ()|)| KE marriages

Mr P. Haydn-Slater and Miss R. Bence The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mrs Julia Haydn-Slater, of Sydney, Australia, and Katie, younger daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Boore. Besser of Limpsfield Roger Bence, of Limpstield, Surrey.

Mr P.R. Calame and Miss A.A. Hall The engagement is announced between Philippe Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Henri Calame, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Antonia Anne, third daughter of Sir John and Lady Hall, of Thames Ditton, Surrey.

Mr A.L. Coyle and Miss B. Losapp The marriage has been arranged and will take place in the Duomo di Pienza, Italy, today, between Alessandro, only son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Coyle, of Kensington, West London, and Benedetta, only daughter of Professor and Mrs M. Losappio, of Montaicino, Italy.

Mr MLG. Cox and Miss T.A. Beswick The engagement is announced between Maximillian, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Cox, of Frome, Somerset, and Trudy, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Beswick, of Penguin, Tasmania, Australia Mr M. Shaw Jukes and Miss N.J. Thom

The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Jukes, of Temple and Mrs Mrsael Jukes, of Tempas Ewell, Kent. and Nathalie. second daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Thomas, of Port Hope, Ontario, Canada. Mr P.I. Usber

and Miss AJ. Wilkins The engagement is unnounced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs T.F.R. Usher, of Reading, Berkshire, and Allison, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs R. Wilkins, of Tynemouth, Type and Wear. 🕒

### Latest wills

John Sanderson, of Lindholme Scotter, Lincolnshire, left estate Scotter, Lincolratine, left estate valued at 53.870.876 net, life int 153.000 in Canoti Franchic Campaign. 225.000 in Canoti Franchic Campaign. 225.000 in Arthritis and Sherionalism Council for Essarch. 110.000 in Canoer Scriet Macmillan Found and £1.500 in the capatal of Scuttherpe Golf Club in enables members to drink in this Tradition handicap in after the.

Phyllis Irene Flory, of London NI4, left estate valued at EL090,146 John Charles Hughes, Twycross, Atherstone, Warwick-shire, left estate valued at £1,716,576 net. John Bell Living, of Kirkhride, Carlisle, left estate valued at

£1,346,470 net. Douglas Jenkins, of Sevenoaks, Kent, left estate valued at El.428,330 net. Dennis Harold Johnson, of Lichfield, Staffordshire, left estate valued at £1,259.580 net. Helen Kathleen Keswick, of

Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey, left estale valued at EL563,239 net. She left her home and the land adjoining it to the National Trust, and EL0,000. She also left £10,000 each to the SSAFA, the Sea Cader, Association, and the Royal Sallon Resna: £5,000 to Shipwrecked Mariners Society and to National Deaf-Billed League; £2,000 or RMTH; £2,000 each to Police Convalescent. Home, Metropolithan Police Seaside Home, Friends of the Elderty and Gentlefolits Help, Police Defendants Trust, and Soyal School Hampsteat; £1,000 each to four charities. Norman Levitt, of London W2, left' estate valued at £1,423,066 net. He left shares in his residuary estate to Nightingale. House Home for Aged Jews and Amnesty international. Claude Witton Ray, of Bury St

Edmunds, Suffolk, left estate val-ued at £1,012,761 net.

He left £1,000 to the British Deaf Association; £500 each to \$1 Edmunds, Downbarn Market, Norbolk \$1 Marry Dries, Norbolk and \$1 Martines, Fornbarn \$1 Martin., Bury \$1 Edmunds. In addition he left shares in his remaining estate to eight charties.

### Church services tomorrow

Eighth Sunday after Trinity
ST ANDERWS CATHEDRAL, ABERDEEN: 8
HC. 10.13 S Buch, Merbedez 6.30 EP.
ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC. 11 M. Lead me
Lord (Wesley), Mr D McGuckin; 3.15 E.
BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC. 11 S Epch,
Jacisson in G. Ave werdin (Byrd); 3.30 Ch E.
Responses (Clucas), Watson in E.
BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC.
11 Ch Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd).
Domine non sum dignus (Victoria). The
Provost 4 Ch E. Responses (Gastoldi). O sing
unto the Lord (Purcell).
BIACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9.15 Ch M;
10.30 Euch; 4 Ch E.
BRECON CATHEDRAL: 11 M, Te Deven in B
fiat (Stanford, Christ whose glory fills the sides
(Darket; 3.30 E. The Lord hash been mindful of
us (Wesley).

ilédgert, Estponses ismithi.
DERBY CATHEDRAL: 8 MC: 10.45 \$ Euch,
Darke in F. O for a closer walk (Smriford), Rev G
Marshall: 6 Ch. E. Wood in D. Responses
(Tornkins), Rev S Barby
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 6 MC: 10 M. Introntio.
C. Rev M Parker, 11.5 MC. Messe Solemelle
(Langlais), Carton R Copplin: 3-30 E, Stanford
In A, Palve is the heaven (Harris).

Sumsion in F. Ave Maria @ruchneri. Rev J

ester): to be Vicar. St Mark, Biggin us (westey).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL. College Green: 7.40

M: 8 HC: 10 Ch Euch. O Trinlig. O Unity
(White). Ave verum (Eigar). Canon A Redfern:
3.30 Ch E. O Loro increase my faith
(Loosemore). Howells in G. Canon P Johnson.

EADEIRLAN BANGOE CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; II
Euch. Hill (same diocese). The Rev Barbara Knight, Assistant Curate, Norton (St Albans): to be Rector, Barkway, Reed and Buckland w Barley (same diocese) EACH.

ANTERHURY CATHEDRAL EHC: 0.30 ML IT

Euch. Coronation Mass (Mozard, Panis
angelicus, Francis, Rev. G Rowell; 3.15.

Dyson in D. Zadok the priess (Handel): 6.30

Compiline. The Rev Stephen Mason, Curate, St Mary & St James, Great Grimbsy (Lincoln): 10 be Vicar. CARLISTE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), Canon David Weston: 3 E. Stanford In A. How lovely are thy dwellings Brahms. St Thomas. Southborough (Rochester). The Rev David Parry, Team Rector, East Farmworth and Kearsley (Manchester): to be Tearn CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 Euch: 11.15 S Euch, Canon B Thompson: 6 Ch

Telecom, 74.

Rector, Chambersbury Team Ministry (St Albans). The Rev Rodger Place. Priest-in-Charge, Roundhay St John RESPONSES (Jackson), Faire is the heaven (Harris), Canon O Conway. CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: I HC: 10 ML 11 S Euch: 3.30 E. (Ripon): to be Vicar, same benefice. The Rev David Simpson, Assistant CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Orders & HC: 10 M. 11.15 S Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina), The Archdeacon; 6 E, Jackson in Curate, Romsey Abbey (Win-chester): to be Chaplain of the COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 10.30 Euch, Missa Sancia Nicolai (Haydn), Caron P Oestreicher: § E. 1 will lift up mine eyes jiedger), Esponses ismithi. University of Southampton (same

diocese). The Rev Elizabeth Smrey, part-time Associate Chaplain, Liverpool University and Curate, St Michael, Garston (Liverpool): to he Curate St Matthew and St James, Mossley Hill (same diocese): remaining part-time Associate Chaplain, Liverpool University.

the heaven (Harris).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 3 MC; 9.45 S Ench.

Mass for five voices (Byrd). Ven T Lloyd; 11,15

M. Essponses Smith). Lord, let me Lobw milne
end (Greene), Canon D Ison; 3 E Responses
Smith). Biessed city, heavenly Salem
(Balrsow); 6.30 ES, Lord give me faith
(Bobson). Rev G Daxier. (1904001), Rev C CRESET.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 2, 12.13 HC.
10.15 Euch, Stanford in C, Mrs C Pascoe; 3 E,
Tantum ergo (Durutle).

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MI E HC. 10
Euch. O taste and see (Vanghan Wittlams).

Danis in F, The Archaescon. J.30 E, Sanford
in A, O Thou, the central oro (Wood), Rev D
Enbars. ROBERS.

LICESTER CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10 MP: 10.30 Euch, Wood in the Physglan guode, are verum corpus (Syrd). The Province 4 EP.

LICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 Euch, Locus isse (Bruckner). Eculaise Deo (Scarland). Rev I Hayren; 3.30 S., Responses (Rose), Cony (a Explicit Control F minor.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8, 12.30 HC: 43.05 Euch, Lin all montal flesh (hairstow). The Chancellor: 11.15 M. His aims (Millinger). The Subdent: 3.45 E. Lift up your heads (Handel).

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 7 MP: 10.30 Luch.
Rev G Davies: 3 Ch. E. Canon N Vincent: 4 HC.

LLANDASF CATHEDRAL: 7.10 M: 11 I Euch.
Sumsion in F. Rev M. Wood: 3.30 Ch. E. Responses (Neury). Sumsion in A; 6.30 E. Rev J

C Baldwin.

MANCHETE : CATHEDRAL: A. S. M. 10.30 S. E. CHESTER CATHEDRAE: 7.45 L: 8 MC; 10 Ch Euch, Responses (Ayleward), Te Deum (Leightod), Canon O Conwar; 3.30 Ch E. Responses (Jackson), Faire is the besven

IANCHESTER CATHEORAL: 0.45 NO 10.30 S uch. Are versin (8749), Canon P Denby; 6.30 Euch, Ave vernam (Byed), Camon F Denby, 6.30 EV.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; II HC; 9.30 S EUCh, Cunon F Straige; 6 CR E.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 10.30 S EUCh, Ireland in C. Be still, my soul (ashfield), Rev S Ledwick; 6.30 Ch E, 5' Woolds Service (Barlow), Theo with keep alm in perfect peace (Sunston), Theo with keep alm in perfect peace (Sunston), Theo Dean; 3.30 E. Berponses Sunston). The Dean; 3.30 E. Berponses Sunston. Missa brevis in 0, Lond, thou that told us the distribution. I was glast (Sowerby). Canon M Perfam: 6.30 Euch, A Song of Mercy and Grace (Taylor), Canon R Hanner.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 9.30 M; Sunfined in 8 lim; 10.30 Euch, Missa strength in 8 lim; 10.30 Euch, Missa strength in 8 lim; 10.30 Euch, Missa strength in 8 lim; 10.30 Euch, Notes at minimum. Christi mumera (Palestrins), The Precentor; 1.30 E. Dyson in D. Autuphon (Wanghan Millams). The Dean.

RIFON CATHEDRAL: 9.30 Euch, Canon M Glarville-Smilh; 11.30 M, Hear my prayer O Lord (Barrent S.30 E, Sunsion in A. The Spirit of the Lord (Eigar), Canon K Fension.

RGCKESTER CATHEDRAL: 4 HC; 9.45 M, To thee, O Lord (Rachmaninov); 3,15 E, Ireland in F, Te Deum in B Intentional. MAINTHIRY CATHEDRAL S NC. 10. In Euros.
Mass in G Schubert, Christis factus of
Bruckner, The Deam 11.45 M; 38 Magdalen
service (Leiphon), And when the builders
(Stephard, The Precent).
HUFFIELD CATHEDRAL: NC. 10.30 S Euch,
Canon G Tulley: 6.30 E, Ven S Lowe. BOUTHWARK CATHEDRAI: 11 Ch Buch, Three part mass Byrdl, are Maria Janon), Rev 5 Swinder; 3 Ch & Alcock in D, Hear me, G Lord (Purcell), Rev R White. SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.45 L: 8 HC: 11 M. To thee, O Lord (Rachmaninov), Responses (Ayleward): 5.45 E. AN MEER, O LOTO (MEERINAMENTON), DESPONSES (A) FEMALES HC (10 S Buch, Father we praise thee Plaintone), Messe cum fubilio (Durudie): 6 E, Stanford in A, I was glad (Parry), The Dean,
WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, 11 S Euch,
The Provint 6,30 E, Canon R Gage.
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, 945 S Buch, O quam gloriosism (Victoria), Welcome, Sweat and Surred heat (Flatfier), Rev Pet N Lucas; 11.30 M. To Deum (Briffer), Missecre nobis (Billist); 3 E. The Second Service (Leighnon), Paire is the heaven (Harrist), Preb C T Tookey.

Beaven (Harris), Preb C T TOOLEY.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 RC, 10 M.
RESPONTES [Taillis, Fourth Sorvice (Tornitins,
Cannon D Hutt: 11.15 Bach, Schubert in C,
true bread (Varin), The Dean; 3 E. Service in
five parts (Weetker), Rev D Tillyer; 6.70 ES, The
Dean. Dean, WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 7.35 M: 10.30 Liturgs of the Poundation, Coronation Mass (Mozzari, Betold, the tabernacie of God (Harris), The Bishop: 3.30 E. Biessed city (Balraws), Bring us, O Lord God (Harris), The Aschalescop of Bestingsress. DRA MIDSTREA BHC. 10.5 Euch, Schubert in Ave vertum corpus (Mozard: 11.30 M, antord in 8 fint 4 E. Bairstow in D. I was glad urtyl. Rev 9 Ferguson.

(Party), Rev P Serguson.

ST Alhane Cathiedral, in the same of the State of the World (Dyson), Canon A Berguist; I M. Responses (Leighton), Te Deuri (12.15 RC: 6.30 E. Responses (Leighton), Darte in F. The Presented. ST DAVIDE CATHERDRAL 8 MC: 9.30 Ench. The Succentor: I 1.15 Ch M. Sunford in C. The Dean: 6 Ch R. Holy, holy, holy (Schubert), saltranow in D. Baltanow in D.

ST EDMINNOSPIRY CATHEDRAL S HC 10.5

BUCh. Schubert in B Liet, Let all mortal Besh.

The Provist: 3 Ch E. Cantique de Jean Bacine

(FAUTÉ, Responses (Rose).

ST GEORGES CATHEDRAL Southware E. 10.

G LAC: 1 LDO SM, He was despised (Plandel). Rev. ST GILLS CATHEDRAL, Edinbargh & HC-11

IN MEMORIAM -

June - Charlotne Helena Louise 19772 - 162,90 25 hoday. In loving memory of my beloved daughte: Charlotte, time changes

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11.30 MS, Zadok the Priest (Handel), Rev C Renny; 8 ES, Rev K Warden.

ST MARRY'S CATHEDRAL: 8 Each; 10.30 S Such, Let all moral flesh (Balistow). The Chapisin; 3,50 Ch E, Dyron in D, Hear my words (Parry).

ST MACHATT CATHEDRAL, OM Aberdand 11, Rev D Molyneau; 5, Rev D Molyneau; 6, Rev D Molyneau; 7, TAULE CATHEDRAL, Loader 3 HC, 545 M; 11 S Euch, Misse in angustis (Hayden), Ave verum corpus (Mozard, Rev J Paul; 3,15 S, Sariford in C, Slessed city, heavenly Salem (Balistow), Rev S Oliver.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL. (Baussow), New S Oliver.
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Ennismore Cardens, London, EW?: 10.30
Divine Liturgy. Rievan and traditional
polyphony, New Anthony.
ALL SAINTS. Margaret Street, Wit S. 15 LMC.
II HM, Missa Divers in D (Mozard). Rev I
Daviet & REE, Wire in F. Rev I Daviet. ALL SOULS, Langham Piece, WI: 11 Rev R Bewer, 6.30 Rev & Trist. THE ASSUMPTION WARRICK Street W: 11
Missa brevis in D (Rheinberger), I will praise
God (Purceil). CTRESSEA GUID CRUTECH, SW3: ERC: [1 Is., Mr D ROYCE: 12.15 HC: 6 E. ReV DT P ERV; CHOWN COURT CHURCES OF FOUTLAND, OWENT CARRIES, WC2: 11.15 Rev 5 Hood; 6.30 ETF 5 Hood. FARM STREET, WI: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4:15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM.

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HOLY TRINGT BROWNTON, Brumpton

Boad, SW7: 9 HC: 11 MS, Rev S Downham; 5 S,

Rev R Thorpe, 7:30 S, Rev R Thorpe,

THE ORATORY, Brumpton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9,

10, 11 Mass, Missa Spem in allown Palestrian,

Landa Sion (Victoria, 1, 2, 10, 4, 30, 7; 3, 30 V B E,

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AMMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCE: Irecta
Gdas, Wit II Holy Mass, Archbishop Y WESTER'S CHAPEL CRY ROAD, EC2: 9.45 HC.
RAY OF LEGISLIES IT MS. RAY OF LEGISLIES.
WESTERING THE CENTRAL HALL (RESEARCH).
SWIT II, 6.30. SWI: 11, 6.30.
ST BARTHULDMEN THE GREAT, SMININGE,
ECT: 9 HC; 11 Ch Euch, Missa Simile ex cumum coelorum (victoria), The Record, 6.30 E, Furoell in E minor, Ave maria Cosquin), The RECOURT.

ST BRIDES, Fleet Street, ECA: 11 Ch. Euch, Darie in F. Stanford in G. Cennod J Cause 6.30 Ch. E. Walndsiey in D. O clap your hands EUIDDONS, CHION J Cause.

ST CLEMENT DANIES: 11 Ch. Euch, Missa brevis in D (Mozard, I and down under his standow (Bailstow), Rev F Bishop, ST COLUMBAS CRURCH OF SCOTLAND, POLI STREET, SWILL REV MARKENDER CAUSE.

6.30 Rev J Michadoe. ST ETHELDREDA'S, Bly Place 9 M: 11 SM, AVE.

FOR SALE

ST GRORGES, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 8 Euch, Blake in D. The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Pleaseding: 8.30 HC: 11 8 Euch, Ev H Valentine: S.45 EV. Rev H Vaccining: 3.5 JU.

St JOHRS, Sinstand R16: [1 C. Sortie in D. minor (Guilmann), Rev D. Richards; 6.30 EP, Rev M Okelio

St LURES, Cheisen, 5W3: 8 HC; 10.30 HC, Os justi (Bruckner), Sister Teresa; 6.30 R. Remember not, Lord, our offences (Purcell), Rev J Streeting. Rev J Streeting. ST MARKS, Recents Park Rd. NW1: 8 HC: 11 S Euch, Standard in C, Rev T Devonature-Jones. ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SWI: 11 5 Buch, Missa brevis (Walton), Corpe, my way (Cooper), Rev Dr P Bradshaw. (Cooped, Rev Dr P Bradshaw, ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC20 8 HC; 9,45 Buch; 5 Ch & 6,30 SS, Rev C Herbert ST MART'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11 HDL Missa brevis (A Cabrielly, Fr B Scott: 6 BAR.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primose Hill: 8 HC: 10.30 Euch. Rev J Ovenden; 6 Living with Faith.

ST MARY-EBONE, Maryichome Road, W1: 8 HC: 11 Ch Euch. O Lond, of whom I do depend Offichaet Bard, Stateop of Octob.

ST MICHAEL'S, Combilli EG3: 11 Ch Buch, Ave verum corpus (Mozard, Rev Sir D Philipped) FT PAULS, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 1) S Euch. Messe solennelle (Vierne, Ava verum THE THE SERVICE STREET OF THE CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA. HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC: 11 M, Responses (Leighton), Te Deum in G (Vaughan Williams), Mr P Parker. MAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 1.15 MP, This is the record of John (Glybons). anon I O Colling. Canon I O Colling.
CHAPEL ROYAL Hampien Court Palson 8.30
HC: II M. Thou knower, Lord (Purcell) 3.00 E.
Giourester Service (Howells), Ering us, O Lord
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OUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE EAVOY, WC2: IT S
Euch, Jackson in-G. The Chaptain.
CRAYS INN CHAPEL 8 South Sq. WCIR:
II.15 Divine Service
III.15 Divine Service
THE TRAMPLE CHIMPCLE First Street 8.70 MCC. II.I.S Divide Service
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street 8.30 HC;
II.I.S MP. Responses (Shephard), Te Deum in
G (Vaughan Williams), The Master.
GUARDS CHAPEL Wellington Berracks, SWI:
II.M., Te, Deum (Vendi), A Toy, Man Died
(Bourgeois), Rev P Boshet.

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Bourgeois, Rev P Boshet. ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SEIO: 11 S Ench, Mass of the quiet hour (Oldroyd), The Chaplain,

But when you pusy, go into a room by yourself, shut the door and pusy to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. Matthew 6; 6 BURTHS

CLUTTERSUCK - On July 18th 1997 at Castle Hill Hospital

COOPER - On 10th July, is Hohart, Tasmania, to Laurie (née Darisston) and Robin, a beautiful daughter, Callegine Victoria Man HUNT - On 28th June, to Georgina (née Darvell) and Jereny, a daughter, Tabitha Alice, a sister for Amelia. KLYSHOW - On July 16th, to Katherine (see Lawson) and Robin, \* son, Joseph

LAURENCE - On July 14th is Cambridge Mass., to Sazal cambridge man, a daughter, and Henry, a daughter, Gemma Felicia Lamport, a sister for Colin. MACAULAY - On July 7th 1997, to Mary Jane and Rugh, a daughter, Nell Communication for

to Consult (née Davies) and Steven, a beautiful daughter, Anna Ribabath, a SPIEGE - On 14th July to Hogo and Jo, a son, Alexander.

BIRTHS STRAMACK - On July 19th at The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Choises and ester Hospital, to

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

leicenet - Alec and Jose (née Bockett) at St Tarcissius Church, Camberley, 20th July 1957.

DEATHS

ATTEWILL - Leonard John Spencer, peacefully on July 16th in St Albans aged 83 years. Loving husband of Poggy and father of Jan and Laurence, and father-in-law of Roy and Caddy. Also a proud grandfather of Natasha and Nick Rosie, Glementine, Nicolas, Frederick and Matilds. Frederick and Matilds. Frederick and Matilds. Funeral Service Friday July 25th at 2 pm in the Lady Chapel, St Albans Abbey. All walcome. Collection in his memory for the St Albans Collection in St Albans Collected St Albans Collected

DEATHS BRYON - Eva Constance (not Dougt, formerly Goldsmith) died on July 16th aged St after a short illness. Denzig loved mother of Jil, Anna (Dec'd) and John. Paperal service at 2 adalis Pari

at 1.30pm on Wednesday July 23rd. Flowers or donations to Myeloms Research Fund at Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton clo WA Trusione & Son, 121 High St., Bunsteed SM7 288.

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DUGARD - On 16th July at
Epsom General Hospital,
Edith Mary known to all as
Mary. Devoted mother of
Studit and widow of John,
peacefully passed away.
Service on Wednesday July
23rd at The Enndalls Paid
Cremstorium, Leatherhead
at 11.30 am Family flowers
may Describe if Service in
Front of Epsom, Survey
ET17 6AB, tel: (01372)
723337.

HMESTONE - Jeffary, author, after a short illness in Rangiok on 28th june, 1997. Gremation rives already observed at the That-tung Temple, Bangkok on 6th July, 1997. All letters /anquiries to his publisher and literary executor, P. Rangsit, Mandama Co., Ltd. 92/3 Wireless Boad, Bangkok 10320, Thatland.

GRAY - Pam (ade Waters). On july 13th 1997, in South Walse, Claudin Passels, wife of the late Major Citif Gary R.A.S.C. and mother of Charles-Henry, Funeral Teesthy 22nd july service in St. Hilds's Church, Guiffithstown, Pentypool, Gwent at 12 noon followed by cremation. Forems may be sunt to Albert E. Hicks Ltd., I Grafton Road.

JOHEE - Air Commedere Shirley Ann RAF Rat'd on 16th July 1997. Daughter of the late Willhard and Betry Jones of Surbiton, Director Women's Royal Air Force 1986-89. A much lowed and greatly valued friend of many. A private committee will take plane followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Chunch, Fownhope, at Hewtord at 230 pm on 

CSSOCIES - 14th July, 1997
parcefully at his home
Church Road, Milford, Co.
Donegal Captain John Alban
Osborne D.S.C. Soyal Says
beloved husband of Pat and
dans: fether of John D. Henry
and James. Proment Jervice
in the Parish Church at St.
Finian 2 St. Mark,
Kilmarnam at 3 ma on Kilmacruman at 3 pm on Tuesday 22nd july, 1997. House Private. Sheeves of Sewers only

ESLEY - John Brander, died pescefully en July 17th aged 49 years. Francai Service at 5t Faith's Createrium, Rorwich en July 23rd at 3.30pm. Enquiries to Readland Paness Services. Tel: 01602 783797. Tem passed away peace on July 17th in Co-aced 83 wars. RASHEED - Kairer, died seddenly of a heart streck on Fridey 11th July la thake, Bangladesh, aged 68. Father of turan, Ferrez, Zeemst, Boxma, Jasmina, Jaswin, Donze. The funcani took place in Sylbet on Standay, 13th July.

WARREN - Irene aged 63 peacefully es july 15th 1997 in the hospice wing at hing Severe VII Hospital Hiddrift. The figural will take place on Wednesday july 22nd at 2.20 pm at 3 july 22nd at 2.20 pm at 3 july 22nd at 2.10 pm at 3 july 22nd at 2.20 pm at 3 july 22nd a Edward VII Hospital Midhurst, W. Suesez

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Godfrey Wicksteed, Master Mariner and teacher, died in Stockport on July 4 aged 98. He was born on June H. 1899.

n a long career associated with square-rigged sailing vessels. Godfrey Wicksteed first shipped before the mast as an ordinary seaman in the four-masted barque Bellands, carrying coal from Newport to Buenos Aires in the years immediately after the First World War. In the 1930s, having gained the last Extra-Master's certificate for square-riggers to be held by an Englishman, he was skipper of the three-masted fully-rigged trading ship Joseph Conrad.

In 1957 he was appointed First Mate of the Mayflower II. when the replica re-enacted the voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers from Plymouth, Devon, to Plymouth, Massachusetts. Finally, as a sprightly octogenarian and consultant rigger to the Cutty Sark, he was regularly to be seen aloft. astride the great clipper's topgallant yards, in her dry berth.

In between he had taken a degree at London University. taught navigation at University College, Southampton, and cruised as a nautical instructor of sea cadets in the sail training craft Henrietta in the North Sea. In the 1950s he was headmaster of Wicken Fen village school, near Ely, before moving to teacher training in Leeds for the remainder of his career.

Godfrey Garton Wicksteed was born in Padiham, near Burnley, Lancashire His father was the Blake scholar and Unitarian Minister Joseph Wicksteed. His mother was a Quaker. His father was persuaded by two friends, the author Henry Binns and the publisher Arthur Dent, to move south and join them in the newly developing community of Letchworth Garden

City in Hertfordshire: Wicksteed had an idyllic childhood there. It was an upbringing in which immersion in literature and the other arts alternated with sailing with his grandfather, the Dante scholar P. H. Wicksteed, in the Hardanger faering (small four-oared sailing craft). he had brought back from Norway. With his uncle Sam. whose ketch he helped to sall

television producer, died

from lung cancer on July

12 aged 56. He was born

on March 28, 1941.

GERAINT MORRIS'S 30-year

television career began and

ended in his native Wales, and

in the course of it he made an

important contribution to the

development of Weish-lan-

guage broadcasting. His

achievements went far beyond

the Principality, however, for

as director, producer or com-

missioning executive he was also involved in some of the

most popular and successful

programmes ever shown on

network television. With his

well-crafted work on such

series as Softly Softly. The

Onedin Line, Casualty and

The Bill, he not only showed

an unerring ability to attract

millions of viewers, but left a lasting mark on British tele-

Geraint Morris was educat-

ed at University College, Ban-

gor, and at the Cardiff College

of Music and Drama, before

oining BBC Wales in 1963.

There his production credits included Welsh-language se-

vision drama.

### **GODFREY WICKSTEED**



of Britain, Wicksteed also became an experienced off-

shore seaman.

He went to school at Bedales, where he became head boy. It was there that he met the girl Erica Weiss who was later to become his wife.

Being a pacifist, he volunteered when war came in 1914 to go to sea and take part in minesweeping or any other kind of work devoted to saving life. This seems sufficiently to have impressed the conscientious objectors' tribunal at Hitchin, which reviewed his case, for it to grant him exemption from military service, provided he joined the Merchant Navy. For the last two years of the war he served

ries such as Ystafell Ddirgel

and Lieifior, as well as nation-

His precocious talent was

soon recognised, and by 1971

he was working on the police series Barlow at Large and

Softly Softly, both spin-offs

from the pioneering and influ-

ential Z Cars. His youth and

striking good looks led at least

one scriptwriter to take him on

first meeting for an aspiring

actor, rather than the pro-

ly Softly's producer, and he was responsible for its last three series. By the time it

ended in 1976, its dramatic

depiction of the work of a

Bristol-based regional crime

squad had helped to set new

standards of realism in British

television's portrayal of the

was producer and director of

the period drama The Onedin

Line, about a 19th-century

shipping family: a mainstay of

the BBC's Sunday evening

schedules from 1971, the series

attracted viewers in their mil-

lions. Morris went on, in the

From 1976 to 1980 Morris

gramme's new director. In 1973 Morris became Soft-

ally networked drama.

from the battlefields of

At the end of the war he

seized the opportunity to join the crew of one of the last commercially registered fourmasted barques, the Bellands. at Newbort. As she dropped down the Bristol Channel on the night tide, Wicksteed was ordered aloft by the bo'sun to "loose the main upper t'gallants" (the second highest sail on the barque's 175ft mainmast). The new recruit gulped, and obeyed.

This was the beginning of a seagoing career that was to take him to Australia and Chile, rounding Cape Horn on many occasions. In the mean-

**GERAINT MORRIS** 

Royal for BBC Scotland, set in

a whisky distilling business.

and Juliet Bravo, a police

series featuring a female

launched what was probably

ful series, the hospital drama

Casualty. Conservative opin-

ion was sometimes shocked by

its gritty and often gory real-

ism, and its determination to

tackle such subjects as Aids,

euthanasia, racist violence

his most effective and success-

It was in 1986 that Morris

inspector.

to obtain successively his Second Mate's, First Mate's and then Master's certificates, be fore commercial sailing craft were driven from the seas by the steamship.

But Wicksteed was lucky

enough not only to get his skipper's ticket but, in 1934, to get a square-rigger command. too. While in Bellands, Wicksteed had met the celebrated Australian mariner Alan Villiers, who now gave him command of the commercial sailing vessel Georg Stag, which he had bought in Denmark. Villiers renamed the ship Joseph Conrad and asked Wicksteed to sail her home from Copenhagen to England. His wife Erica.

loved it, however, and it

became — and remains — one

of the most popular pro-

Casualty combined the twin

fascinations of a soap opera

and a quasi-documentary.

Morris devoted equal attention to both aspects. The core

characters - the charge nurse

Charlie Fairhead and his col-

leagues — were powerfully drawn, their private dramas

gripping. And the more public

dramas of a busy urban casualty department were

made fust as compelling by a

wealth of accurate detail. Mor-

ris's approach was shaped by

what he saw when he visited

the accident and emergency

unit of Bristol Royal Infirm-

ary. Moved by the grief and

distress of victims' relatives.

he determined not to sensa-

tionalise, and enlisted the help

of experienced medical staff to

eliminate errors from the pro-

Morris produced the first

three series of Casualty, from

1986 to 1988, and returned to

produce the sixth and seventh

between 1990 and 1992. In

between he moved from the

BBC to ITV, winning large

gramme's scripts.

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grammes of its kind.

while he was reading for his degree and teaching diploma at London University, took her trick at the wheel during this

DRISARG He next became a nautical instructor, first at the Sir John Cass Technical Institute, then on his own account. In 1934 he was for a year head of the Department of Navigation at University College Southampton. From 1936 to 1938 he taught at Gordonstoun and during the war he moved to Beckenham and Penge Grammar School, from where he was seconded as a part-time youth adviser. He then contributed to teacher training through spells at the Emergency Training Centre at Wimpole Park, near Cambridge, and the City of Leeds College of Education, where he was still giving lectures at the age of 75. In between these two posts he was headmaster of Wicken Fen village school

from 1951 to 1957. It was in 1957 that Villiers. Master of the replica Mayllower, appointed him First Mate of the vessel which was then being built at Brixham. Later that year he sailed in her to Plymouth, Massachusetts, where she remained, as a goodwill gift to the United

Wicksteed had no sooner arrived back from America than he was asked by Captain Wilfrid Dowman, then in the process of restoring Cutty Sark at Greenwich, to join the project as rigging adviser. He worked aloft on the Cutty Sark well into his eighties, remarking that it was safer than cycling in Leeds, where he had been knocked off his bicycle. It was only when he had turned 87 that the insurers put their foot down about his gravity-defying forays into her

He became very attached to the old ship, and helped with countless projects to bring her to life for school parties and inject a whiff of the sea into her various exhibitions. Painstakingly, he constructed models to help children to understand the working of her gear.

His wife predeceased him in May, and his last achievement was to get afloat again last month, when he joined his former Mayflower II shipmates in Plymouth, Devon. for their 40th anniversary celebrations.

He is survived by his daugh-

audiences with another realis-

tic police series, The Bill, in

In May 1994 he returned to

his roots in Wales and the

West of England, joining Har-

lech Television (HTV) as se-

nior drama consultant. He

had already returned to Welsh

subject-matter in his 1993 film

Selected Exits, a collaboration

with Alan Plater based on the

life of the writer Gwyn Thom-

as: starring Anthony Hopkins.

it was shown in the BBC's

At HTV Morris was respon-

sible for producing and devel-

oping drama for the ITV

and other outlets. His own

productions included the Wvc-

liffe series of crime dramas,

based on the books by W. J.

Burley and starring Jack

Shepherd as the eponymous

Cornish detective. Morris be-

came head of drama at HTV

His work there also in-

volved a return to Welsh-

language television, and he

was responsible for a number

of notable programmes for S4C, including the film Yn Gymysg Oll i Gyd, an award-

winning drama about a

network and for cable, satellite

Bookmark series.

in March 1996.

Wycliffe series.

### LADY ZINNIA JUDD

while in the

Lady Zinnia Judd. horse show judge, died of cancer on July 13 aged 59. She was born on November 25, 1937.

ZINNIA JUDD died almost sixty years after her father. She never met him. The 4th and last Earl of Londesborough had no sons. Zinnia was his posthumous daughter.

No one attended the Royal Windsor Horse Show more regularly over the past forty years. She was there as a bride when not yet 20. Six weeks ago both her serious and frivolous friends saw their favourite judge of hunters at Windsor for the last time. Alternative medicine had held cancer at bay for a decade. And no woman, though

women are not entitled to be members, visited Buck's Club with more relish: she was employed by the club professionally and would eagerly report on her latest coup in recruiting yet another fellow to its elegant membership. Her favourite place was sitting at the corner table in the dining room with one of her many admirers. After lunch she would pause for a moment between the annexe and the club itself, looking into her father's gaze. The family motto: face adversity with fortitude.

The Earl of Londesborough. wounded three times during the First World War, was only 43 when he died: frail but still with the bearing of an officer, and a very rich peer indeed. As a young Master of Hounds during the Second World War. his widow Marigold Lady Londesborough took the fancy of a Moroccan, who would arrive at Palace Gate in a Rolls-Royce to take her to dinner at Claridge's. He had rented the car, and the chauffeur in peaked cap was his impoverished brother. Marigold apparently married the Moroccan — an event unrecorded by her in drafting her own entry in Debrett's - but was soon in the arms of a Polish baron whom she did marry. All this was heady stuff for the young Zinnia.



With her own joyful nature. sustained by the acres and handsome features of her father and brains supplied by her mother (who had been a Lubbock) Zinnia soon had London at her feet. Finishing schools followed, a discreet adjustment to a long nose, hunting all day, dancing into

the early hours. Her mother and the entourage that gathered round her removed most of Zinnia's inheritance. At least one of Zinnia's own husbands gobbled up much of what was left. And, when she was not judging at Windsor or the Royal Show in Warwickshire or the Norfolk Show, she was — by her own admission — perhaps slightly too easer to provide for others. By the 1980s she was poor: no ionger a house in Palace Gate or Cadogan Square but a tiny flat in Knightsbridge. Although in recent years she regularly had to find E10,000 for alternative medicine, she delighted in giving expensive presents to her intimates, particularly the many women who were devoted to her.

She was a better judge of horses — the Queen consulted her and an owner seeking advice would go to her first than of men. She was married five times in all.

Until the end Zinnia adored two of her many admirers. John Pollock, her fourth husband, long since dead, and Hugh Cantlie, his predecessor, from whom she was divorced many years ago. But her true love remained the father she had never met. Hugo William Cecil, last Earl of Landesborough.

She is survived by her two

### **BILL LOFTS**

Bill Lofts, researcher on children's literature, died on July 5 aged 73. He was born or September 2, 1923.

GEORGE ORWELL insisted that Charles Hamilton (the real name of Frank Richards) could not have written as much as he claimed. Bill Lofts proved him right. Through his indefatigable researches, Lofts uncovered the authorship of many boys' stories in children's papers, and demonstrated that 300 Magnet

stories are by other writers.

His interest in juvenile literature dated back to the war years. He had served in the Royal Artillery in India, as a result of which his hearing was severely damaged. His time as a prisoner of war, made lonely by his handicap, was assuaged when he found a Sexton Blake story. From this beginning, he was to become the recognised author-

ity on a range of writers.
William Oliver Guillemont Lofts was born in London and educated at Barrow Hill Road School. Here he formed just one of his lifelong friendships. with the man who was to become his brother-in-law. After leaving school, he went to work as an engineer for Zenith carburettors. Apart from a period of military service, he remained with the company until he became the official researcher to the publishing company Fleetway House.

schizophrenic, and the series While with Zenith, he began Pam Fi, Duw?, set in a South Wales comprehensive school. his life of research. Starting Geraint Morris is survived with his first love, Sexton by his wife Sian and their two Blake — who lived, like his rival Sherlock Holmes, in sons, one of whom worked as Baker Street — Lofts sought Greyfriars School — Lofts out the true name behind became an adviser. One of his an assistant on the current



every episode in the Sexton Blake library. As his know-ledge grew, he became a regular contributor to The Collector's Digest, writing about many of the children's papers and their contributors. As a result of these articles

he mer Derek Adley, a fellow enthusiast with whom he was often to collaborate. Adley put Lofts's researches onto a card index, from which they compiled lists of many writers' work. Their magmum opus was Men Behind Boys' Fiction (1970), which contains brief biographical and literary notes about more than 2,000 writers and illustrators of boys' fiction. The book was published by William Howard Baker, who had been a Sexton Blake writer (and had created Paula Dane, the detec-

tive's secretary). When Howard Baker began his ambitious schedule of republishing all 1,683 numbers of The Magnet - the paper that featured the weekly adventures of Billy Bunter at

principal tasks was to verify the authorship of each story. As a result of this work, all but one story can now be safely attributed. From these researches was compiled The Magnet Companion (1971).

Other papers catalogued in this way by Lofts and Adley include The Gem. Hotspur and Thriller. One of Lofts's favourites resulted in The Rupert Index (1979). The two also collaborated on biographies of Leslie Charteris and Frank Richards, Sadiy, both books are thin on details of their subjects' lives, but they are essential starting points for further research.

One piece of serendipity that gave Lofts great pleasure was his unearthing of a hitherto unknown short story entitled Man Overboard, by Sir Winston Churchill, published in 1899. In his curriculum vitae he could also list the presidency of the Friars' and the Cambridge Old Boys' book clubs, and his work as a researcher for the Henty Society.

He claimed to have one of the largest private collections of juvenile literature in the world, and with the enormous rise in prices in recent years, it would now be very expensive. and difficult, to match.

His appetite may have been Bunteresque, but he had none of the failings of that gross misfit. He had an impish sense of humour and an inordinate joie de vivre that gave him an outlook on life like that of Bob Cherry, the cheerful extrovert of the Remove at Greyfriars.

He never married, although he was, for a time, engaged to a German lady, and was proud and fond of his numerous nephews and nieces.

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### **NEW PYRENEAN** RAILWAY. FRANCO-SPANISH CEREMONY.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) CANFRANC, July 18.

The King of Spain and the President of the French Republic to-day opened the last link of the new railway between Pau and Saragossa over the Pyrenees. This is the first direct link between France and Spain which actually crosses over the mountains.

The opening ceremony took place at Canfranc, the new international station on the Spanish side, where the King and President met. The Spanish authorities had taken great pains to provide a worthy setting for occasion. Most of the cities of Aragon joined in the preparations. Valencia yesterday sent two truckloads of flowers to Canfranc. Saragossa lent the beautiful tapestries of its Chamber of Commerce to decurate the station half for the official banquet, and Jaca and Huesca also

President Doumergue, on arriving at Canfranc, was received on the platform by King Alfonso, and the two inspected the Spanish guard of honour. A state banquer followed in the decorated hall of the new station, which was then declared open . . .

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The new Pyrenean Railway, opened in 1928, was the first direct link between France and Spain which actually crossed over the mountains.

After the banquet the King and the President took the salute in a march past of the Spanish troops which are now engaged in

manoeuvres in the neighbourhood ... The new railway line extends the existing Pau link to Oloron and Bedous, and links Pau

with Saragossa. The line climbs the valley of the Gave d'Aspe beyond Oloron, and follows the same valley, climbing more steeply, beyond Bedous. About 13 miles beyond Bedous the French end of the new Somport Tunnel is reached, and the highest point of the line is passed inside the tunnel. The Spanish end of the tunnel lies about 300ft above the French end, and the tunnel itself is four miles and 1,652 yards long. Great engineering difficulties have had to be overcome. The line crosses the Gave d'Aspe six times. Besides the main Somport Tunnel, there are 15 others. including a spiral tunnel of which the head is

200ft above the point of entry. In his journey from Pau to Canfranc to-day in the Presidential train, M. Doumergue had his first real sight of the High Pyrenees at Bedous. As the train passed that station the mist cleared and the sun shone brilliantly on bare, rocky peaks rising above the white cloud girdles, while the valleys lay in dim shadow below. The journey continued through lovely mountain scenery as the train wound its way along the narrow Gave d'Aspe, crossing and recrossing the road and the river, now in the shade of towering precipices, now creeping on a sunlit ledge above dim depths. Beyond Bedous the President could appreciate the feat of the engineers as his train twisted and turned over bridges and through tunnels, climbed the steepest main-line gradient in the world and plunged into a spiral tunnel before debouching on a ledge whence the entrance to the tunnel was visible far below. When the French President crossed the frontier underground through the Somport tunnel, he could say in the words of King Louis XIV, "II n'y a plus de Pyrenées."

### Adams calls for a ceasefire

The IRA was expected to declare a ceasefire in response to a call from Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president. Mr Adams said he had called on the IRA leadership to restore the 18-month ceasefire that ended with the Docklands bomb in February 1996 because the Labour Government had removed the obstacles to serious peace talks. He expected a positive response ...... Page 1

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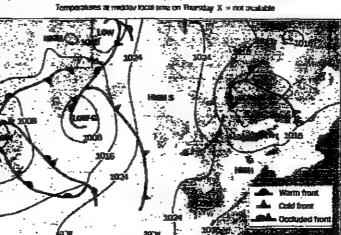
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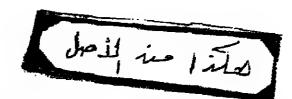
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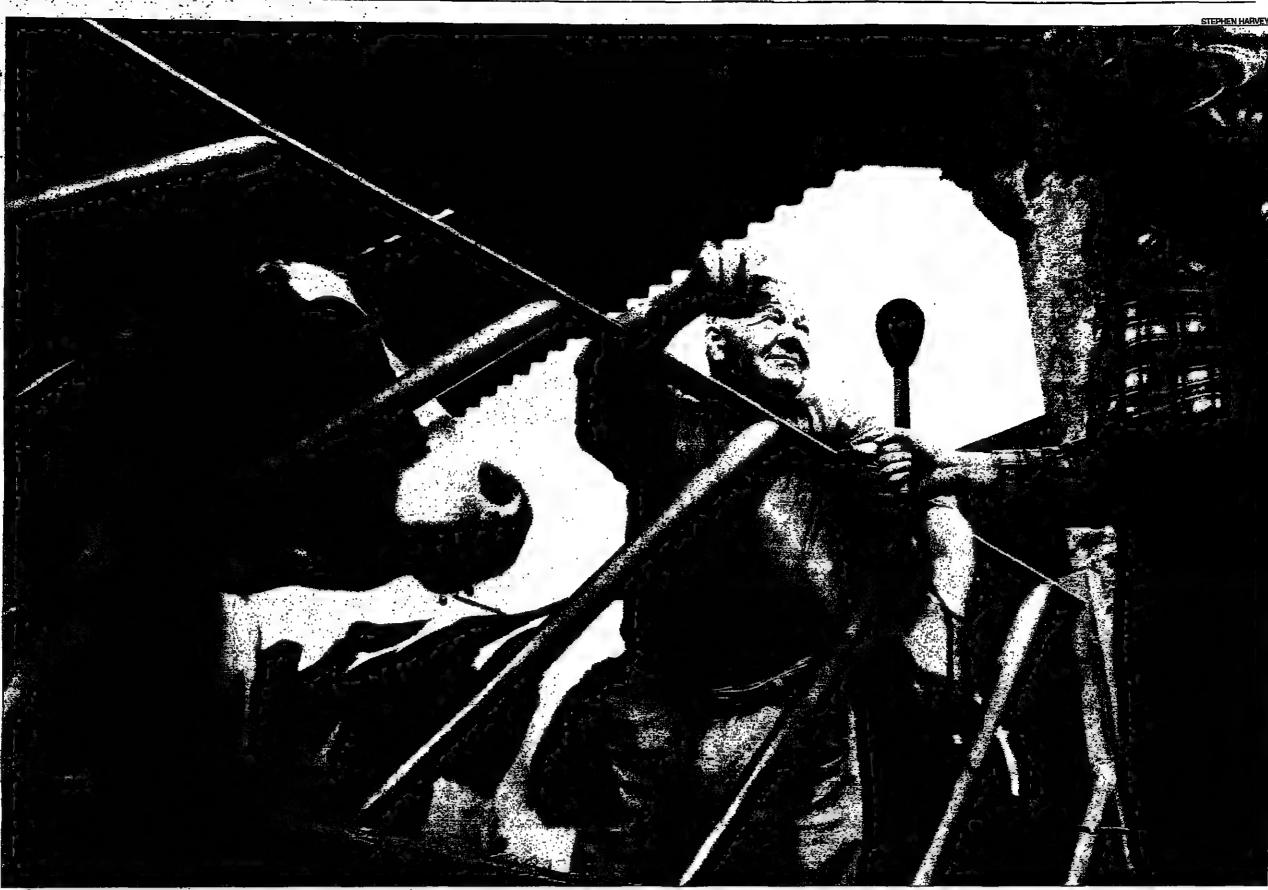
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SATURDAY JULY 19 1997

Radio 4's Farming Today is under threat. Damian Whitworth on an eccentric corner of the broadcasting field



Many early-morning listeners, not only country people, hope that Radio's 4's Farming Today will continue till the cows come home, whether it is commenting on farmers' views and agricultural doings or ministerial un-doings

Judgment Day at Radio 4. James Boyle, the controller, has devised a major shake up for his station and will explain to the BBC governors which programmes he wants to cast into outer darkness.

One of those widely tipped for the chop, or at the very least radical change, is also one of the corporation's oldest. Its rural tone was around long before Boyle was born; it goes on air six days a week at a time when most senior executives at the Birt Broadcasting Company are still in bed. For 15 minutes every weekday and 40 minutes on Saturday it concerns itself with Britain's biggest field of employment and has been the preferred listening of early risers everywhere, town or country. And its influence on recent political life should not be underestimated. Farming Today, 60 years old this year, is expected to be axed

### Mucking about at the BBC tended Today programme. Ei-ther option will cause uproar Farming Today provides a among its listeners, many of surreal bridge between sleep strength. At that ungodly hour urban routine. They love its Farming Today provides a

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whom have discovered a new lease of campaigning life after the success of the recent countryside rally in Hyde Park. The threat to Farming Today, they argue, is just another assault to raise themselves. on their way of life. But on this occasion they can count for support on an army of townies who greet the dawn fortified by a dose of milk quotas and outside broadcasts drowned

out by bleating.

Boyle's office says he is a regular listener to Farming Today. But if the 6.10am transmission time has been a weakness for the programme because many executives and mandarins are unfamilar with it and so do not care about it or subsumed into a new, ex-, then it has also been its greatest rural life from their hectic

and the harsh realities of Today's John Humphrys and James Naughtie, an interlude as bewildering as the dreams from which listeners are trying

While Farming Today is an important information service for those preparing to put oil in their tractors, only 10 per cent of listeners are farmers. The rest of the one million who tune in each week hail from every geographical location, conur-bation and country, and from all walks of life.

Regular listeners, such as Bob Ayling, the chairman of British Airways, and the union boss Bill Jordan say the programme provides a window on

idiosyncrasies.

The precursors to Farming Today first crept on to the airwaves in 1929, starting with the solemn listing of the Fatstock Prices.

hings livened up by comparison when Douglas Hurd's Interpretation father, Anthony, a Times journalist, took over a weekly evening programme called Farmers Only, from which Farming Today emerged in 1937. By 1964 it had a daily dawn slot but the Fatstock

Prices remained. The noisiest row over its future occurred in 1990/91 when again it was threatened with the axe. But it was saved by a vociferous campaign and the fact that its producers had

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had the foresight, in the mid to Fatstock Prices. We basically late 1980s, to make it more palatable.

One of the driving forces behind the change was Dylan Winter, a producer and presenter of the programme who appreciated that at that time of the morning things could, and should, be just a little crazy. The beautiful thing about Farming Today is that your boss is in bed when it goes out,"

Winter's particular brand of presenting was defined by his treatment of the by now legendary Fatstock Prices. One day, instead of the office PA reading this tedious shopping list, listeners fumbling for their socks were hit by the cheery Irish brogue of Terry Wogan. The next day it was Jimmy Young.

he says.

an organic butcher, who pre-sided over some of the more bizarre on-air proceedings. One morning Robin Pooley,

then chief executive of the Potato Marketing Board, was a live guest in the studio. "I told him just before we came back on air what I was going to ask him and that we had 25 seconds "You can't get duller than the

lured Wogan and Young by

saying that the other had

agreed to do it. We didn't tell

the listeners who was doing the

readings before hand. Wogan

did them like that chap who

does the football results and

tells you by the tone of his voice

who has won. You could tell

before he finished whether a

The anarchy was picked up by the guests. Winter's partner

in crime was Tim Finney, now

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price was up or down."

left. We came on air and he said: 'I've no idea what you are talking about but I do think the standard of bacon in the BBC breakfast is terrible.' And he talked about this until the end of the programe."

The next week, by coincidence, Pooley's brother, Peter, a big shot in Brussels, was on. Finney asked him a tricky question and recalls: "He said, That's a very interesting question...' and then he just started barking. I said: 'What's going on?' and he said: Woof, woof: I've got an Old English sheep dog here and he wants to go for a walk. What's the question again? He didn't have a bloody dog. He didn't want to answer the question and he wanted to

go one better than his brother." Such lunacy was born in an atmosphere that would horrify the corporation middle managers today. Finney recalls members of the Farming Today team regularly going out for a

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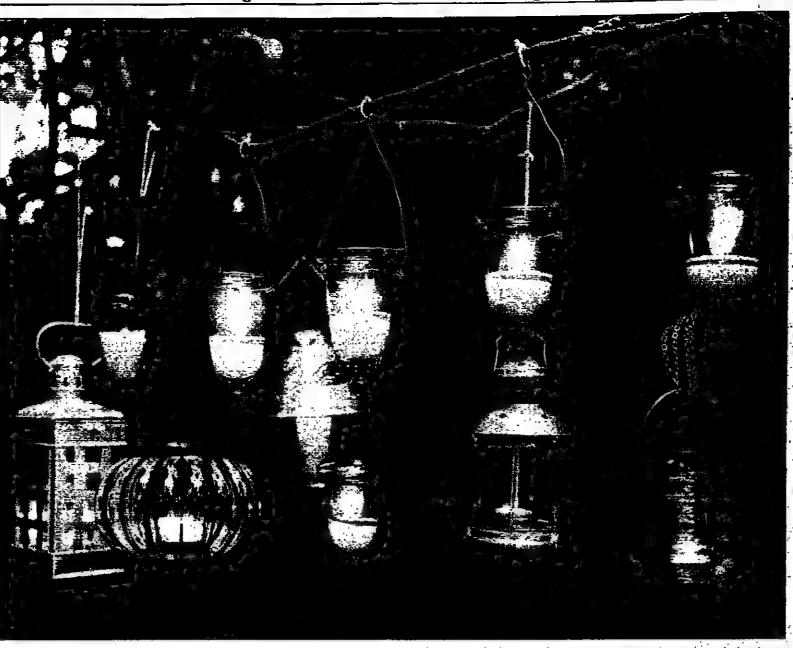
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### 'It filtered down from command level that No 10 was not happy'

Continued from page 1 drink after preparing the next day's programme, staying too long in the pub and then deciding it was not worth going home.

eople used to sleep in the office and get a wake-up call from reception to do the show. Then one chap, who got booted out of home by his wife, lived in the office for four months and nobody batted an evelid. It was very easy. He had 24-hour access, a 24-hour canteen, showers and baths and toilets and slept on a chaise-longue. The only thing he didn't have was somewhere to do his laundry."

But it wasn't only the staff who made themselves at home. The Farming Today conference room, above the office in a strange half-forgotten corner of Broadcasting House, was also inhabited. "On a couple of occasions we

went in and disturbed somebody asleep under the piano. I recognised her as someone who had come in looking for a job. I saw her a few times after that in Broadcasting House looking terribly sheepish. She was a sort of bag lady who had made her camp up there. The jobs were advertised on the notice boards and she would go round bang on all sorts of doors, get rejected, go and have some lunch and then go

The relaxed and charmingly chaotic working conditions did not make things easy for the reporter-presenters (jour-nalists did both). "We used to spend a lot of time sleeping in cars. You would finish the show and then go and sleep outside a Little Chef, have breakfast and record a story somewhere up country and send it over for the next day's

programme," Winter says.
Those who lived nearby would go home for a snooze

after the show and then return at normal office hours to plan the next day's programme. One female reporter, befuddled after such a start to her day, arrived at work fearing the sack in the belief that she had overslept and missed the show. Only when a recording was played back and she heard herself presenting that day's broadcast did she accept she had done it. The environment in which the programmes back to her hidey hole." were made may have been insane but the mission to

> Farming Today broadened its appeal by dropping the Fatstock Prices and tackling more general countryside issues, but was ahead of most of the field on the biggest farming story of all. "Dylan Winter made a fantastic programme on BSE but Today and PM weren't interested until months later when the newspapers started running stories," Finney says. programme's handling of the beef crisis has continued to receive widespread acclaim, culminating in this year's gramme Apocalypse Cow. This year, too, it received the Glenfiddich Radio Pro-

inform was not forgotten.

ts exposé on Spam. r could be argued that the influence of Farming Today in the 1980s was as great as any other radio or television programme. It was certainly the preferred listening of Margaret Thatcher, who caught just a few minutes of the radio every morning before starting work around 6.30am.

gramme of the Year award for

"Once Mrs Thatcher spoke to the NFU and said that farmers and other early risers listen to Farming Today and 'I recommend it to you'. So we stuck a recording of that on the answerphone in the office," Winter says. "A few days later the message came down from on high in the BBC to "get that off the answer machine". It had filtered down through levels of command that No 10

was not happy."
For others, Thatcher's fascination with the programme was less amusing. "She was a regular listener and, as a result, it used to put her at a considerable advantage over her colleagues. Many of them were reduced to listening to it themselves in order not to be upstaged," says Sir Charles Powell, who was her private secretary. He is discreet about naming names, but adds: "I heard reports on the Whitehall



grapevine of ministers going back to their offices and cursing that they weren't being kept as up to date as she was. Sir Bernard Ingham, Thatcher's former press secretary, concurs. "She displayed an alarming knowledge of the subject of agriculture, much to the distress of the ministry. She was always better briefed than most of her ministers. Frequently her listening came out in remarks, and it was important for the problem of Europe because she would

know about milk quotas or

whatever."

John Gummer, a former Minister of Agriculture, suffered miserably as a result of Farming Today and did not want to discuss the programme when I called him. Winter was the first man to get the acerbic food hygienist Professor Richard Lacey on the radio, and on one occasion he tore into Gummer. "Presumably Thatcher heard it and gave Gummer a bad time," Winter says, "because I was summoned to the Ministry of Agriculture and as I went up to Gummer's office I met him in the lift. I said 'hello' but he ignored me completely. I was going to follow him into his office but I was stopped and kept standing there in the

corridor. Eventually I went in

his office and he was sitting at

this huge desk, and he said he had never been treated so badly. After that we let Lacey have another crack at him." Douglas Hogg, another for-

didn't serve in Thatcher's Cabinet but observes grimly: "She didn't sleep. Most people are sensible enough to go to sleep." Throughout his BSEtormented days he listened to the programme only on Monday mornings when driving up from his constituency, but says he would mourn its passing. "I never had any complaints about the way I was treated by Today or Farming Today. It would be a loss to the farming commun-ity, there is no doubt about it. And you could argue that it is part of the obligation that flows from having a public

Tor Nicholas Soames, also a former agricul-ture minister, Farming Today is as much part of his morning routine as bacon, egg and black pudding. He is spoiling for a fight against what he sees as dangerous homogenisation of Radio 4. "It is generally my experience that the better sort of politician, of whom there are increasingly few, wakes up to Farming Today every

service licence fee."

and much-loved friend, vital to those who wish to retain an indepth knowledge of events of interest in the countryside. It deals with subjects that affect not just farmers but the whole of countryside life and all that

goes with it.
"I don't always agree with the forum of the programme but it could only be a BBC in the grip of politically correct maniacs who could replace such a worthwhile pro-gramme with more unspeakable ghastliness from John Humphrys. We are not just a ghastly urban society, as the rally in Hyde Park showed." Soames may speak for the

country and many in the towns: it is said that Jack Cunningham, the present Agriculture minister, is an FT fan, along with personalities such as the model Paula Hamilton, who came to grips with country life recently when

she was bitten by a ferret. But while petitions are being organised — Tim Dommett a cheese salesmen from Farnham, Surrey, has collected 300 signatures, "mostly from City commuters - that will not be enough. If Boyle's plans are rubber-stamped by the governors next week, and if they include ploughing over Farming Today, it will need more than a dawn chorus of disap-

proval to save it.

### BOYLE'S LORE

what he has decided but there have been a number of apparmit leaks from the BBC about

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airwaves.

30 programmes are to go are almost certainly exaggerations, but there are likely to be a number of losses and major rescheduling of the survivors.
One of the strongest rumours is that The Archers may get an extra weekend edition. Those who believe this is being offered as a sop because Farming Today is to

be either axed or truncated and incorporated into Today argue that this misunder stands agricultural broadcasting completely.
There have been questions in the Commons following talk that Yesterday in Parlia-

ment is under threat, and angry comment about sugges-tions that the initial of Start the Week might be altered. Staff at Your and Yours, Sport on Four and Breakaway are said to be anxious, and Ned Sherrin may be at a loose end if his boisterous Saturday morning show goes, as some believe it will.

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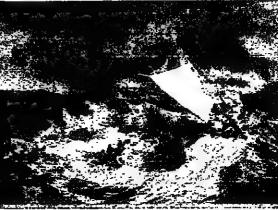
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### GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

My garden is being overrun by a forest of mare's tail. I have tried most weedkillers but they kill only the present growth, and more shoots follow. What will kill the roots? — R.H. Bradley, Ruislip, Middlesex,

A Glyphosate, the chemical in the weedkillers Roundup and Tumbleweed, will see off mare's tail in the end, but it takes many applications. To get the chemical into the plant, the stems should be thwacked with a stick to break the skin. Apply the chemical to the mare's tail carefully using a rubber glove, because it will kill everything it touches. Serious colonies of mare's tail are very hard to eradicate and it is often necessary to dig out nearby plants and establish them elsewhere while you concentrate on weedkilling. If practical, consider laying porous land drains in the garden, because mare's tail prefers a soil with a high moisture level.

Q planting a wisteria by l am considering the front door, but I'm worried that the roots may damage the foundations. Is there a more suitable climber? — N. Boland Mor-ley, London NW6.

A Go ahead. In 100 years wisteria can make a trunk like a small tree above ground, and it will be working pretty hard underground. But don't be put off. On a small or moderate-sized house, a well-managed wisteria is not going to have so much volume of leaf that it will be drinking the soil dry and causing significant shrinkage and movement. If you

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want to please the building insurers, you would have nothing at all sizeable on house and aggressives", such as wisteria and roses, would be banished to the bottom of the garden and replaced with containers of pansies. If the wall is sunny enough (south or west-facing), carry on with your wisteria. If you lose your nerve, Clematis montana has a more fibrous root system.

What is the tall, her-baccous plant which seeded itself in the garden last year? It has soft, rhododendron-sized leaves, strong branched stems and pink spikes of flower. — J.R. Annis, Winchester, Hampshire.

A it is Phytolacca poly-andra, a wonderful plant for wild gardens. It will grow in the roughest and driest of soils. It dies down to nothing in winter but comes up again, with no support, to off-8ft. Those fat stems suddenly fork side-ways in two directions, leaving a flower spike in the middle. After the flowers come dark purple berries, which will self-sow in the garden - just as well, because it is not a long-lived plant, especially on rich soils where the root often rots in a cold, wet winter. Plant them small, ideally as seedlings, because a strong tap root is needed to support all that top growth.

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When told about the new garden at Walmer Castle to celebrate her 95th birthday. the Queen Mother (left) said: "I have been given many presents before, but never a garden"

One of the first pictures of the new garden (right), which will be open to the public from next Tuesday. It shows one end of a central canal,

the length of

# Royal garden for all seasons

iamonds may be a girl's best friend, but what do you give a queen for her birthday? You can't go wrong, it seems, with a garden. In Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's words, "I have been given many presents before, but never a

garden". This month, the Queen Mother gets her new garden and it will be open to the public from Tuesday. It was commissioned by English Heritage at Walmer Castle in Kent to celebrate the role of the Queen Mother as Warden of the Cinque Ports on her 95th

birthday.
The birthday was two years ago, but you don't get a garden overnight. This one has been 18 months in the planning and building. Now that it is com-

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Stephen Anderton on the English Heritage birthday gift to the

Queen Mother at Walmer Castle

ought to, because it has been designed by Penelope Hob-house and Simon Johnson to reflect her Interests.

It is a classical garden in every sense. Formal, bold and simple in layout, with the complexity coming not in the structure but in the detailed planting of long, south-facing mixed borders. And what a gift for a gardener: a walled garden sheltered by trees from the sea winds, but within 200 vards of the shore, so keeping frosts at bay.

The Queen Mother is known to be a roses woman more than a modern mixed garden the roses will come diluted in mixed borders. which will please the public. The perfume of roses should never be far away, in 'Nathalie Nypels', 'Buff Beauty', 'Heritage' and 'Graham Thomas'. And there will be plenty of those overpowering regal lil-ies, *Philadelphus* 'Avalanche' and 'Sybille', and rosemary.

The structure of the garden is based around the Queen Mother's life. The topiary castle on a turf mount and topiary pyramids on the lawn reflect her childhood at St Paul's Walden Bury, which has a garden of formal hedged allees influenced by the French

Baroque style.
At Walmer, a central canal runs the length of the garden. Conveniently, a 95st canal just fits in the upper part of the garden; lft for each year of her life till then. Just as well she fitted the garden.

Stone for the garden has have made anyone long for come from the Caithness quar-roses. Such gardens then were ry in Sutherland. It was from here that the Queen Mother bought the grey stone she used at her home there, the Castle of they could be drab. May, and at Walmer it has been used to edge the canal and for formal paved areas. A summerhouse has been made at one end of the garden, where visitors can sit on. specially designed benches. The lime trees at the bottom will soon hide the neighbouring modern canary-yellow house which overlooks the garden. (Somehow, one never thinks of the Queen Mother having neighbours. At least,

from the bedroom windows.) A childhood spent in the grand gardens of the first quarter of this century would

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The sheltered position makes the views

out over Loch Etive - of which you could

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result, a visit to Ardchattan Priory, apart

from the garden which is notable on the

parliament which met here.

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not the sort you could wave to

roses. Such gardens then were designed to be spectacular when the family was in residence, but outside that period schild, doyenne outside Buckingham Palace,

of the present fashion tive wildflower gardening, is. much the same age as the Queen Mother, but has been more of a hands-on gardener. She recalls the Rothschild gardens of her youth - gardens such as Waddesden and Mentmore - as being "all geraniums and orchids". It drove her screaming into the

arms of wild gardening. In the Royal Family, wild gardening has taken two fur-ther generations before it has.

appeared, via the Prince of Wales. But then he is a handson gardener, too, The Oueen Mother is more predictable and less catholic in her taste. Some years after the war, when a new multi-coloured bedding scheme was tried out

she even requested that it be returned to King George's red. In the past, Walmer Castle had a one-season garden, when the Lord Warden would come with his family for a summer visit. Even today it is aimed to be at full revs when the Queen Mother makes her summer visit, complete with a large staff and a vanioad of furniture. But it is also an allseason garden. The new walled garden is only a small part of a design which has

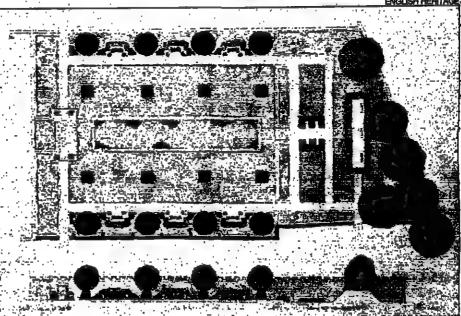
developed over centuries, and

includes a deep, gardened moat, a cut-flower and vegeta-ble garden, huge herbaceous borders backed by even bigger yew hedges, and a woodland garden with carpets of snow-

drops, crocus and cyclamen.
The new garden is what writers of garden guidebooks call a "palimpsest", because it has been developed in layers. sometimes a new development overlaying an older one. This new garden at Walmer is a welcome development of an empty wailed garden, and brings a touch of new, if not acutely modern, gardening to

the site. When English Heritage in-stalls the intended modern sculpture in the topiary castle, it will have really completed its job. And I hope the Queen Mother will like that too.





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west coast for its combination of immaculate lawn, herbaceous borders and roses, in the manner often applauded in much has a therapeutic quality that few places larger gardens.
In the Brown's garden at Leeds, this

continuity provides the visitor with a ■ 30 Latchmere Road, Leeds. reassuring sense of orderliness, making Yorkshire (0113 2751261) the individual highlights instantly effective. The planted sinks and alpines are Off A6120 Leeds ringroad left into ideally suited to the garden's scale, but the way in which usually larger-scale shrubs and herbaceous borders are incorporated Fillingfir Drive, right at pillar box, left into Latchmere Road. Open tomorrow.July 27, Aug 3 and 10. 2-5pm. is an adventurous surprise. So, too, is the £1.50. children 50p ebullient collection of clematis that is at its best at this time of year. The art of small gardening is to achieve

the balance between busily interesting and confusingly overcrowded. The former Finally, the most rewarding ingredient for a small garden is water, and the pools for a small garden is washed of space can here exemplify how the sense of space can slips into the latter all too easily and, as be so instantly introduced. most of us garden on comparably sized

plots, it is instructive to go somewhere The Vyne, Sherborne St John.

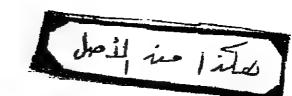
and see the balance emphatically well-Hampshire (01256 881337) achieved. The secret of success is the way Four miles north of Basingstoke on in which one area or feature, despite the A340. Open tomorrow, then Tues-Thurs. small-scale, links clearly with the others Sat and Sun to end Oct. 12\_30-5\_30pm, E2, children E1

> There are references to wine being produced here by the Romans, hence the name. The originally Tudor brick house is memorable for its white portico. In high summer, looking across immaculate lawns that slope gently to the lake, the house and its setting present an unforgettable picture. You can enjoy the view from, different angles by taking the path around the lake. A small area to one side of the house, enclosed by yew hedges, has a herbaceous border that exemplifies plant grouping and colour planning.

> > rapili (TA)

GEORGE PLUMPTRE





# The exotic cover story

ibrant images of cot-tages covered with dazzling cerise bougainvillea, fences near-invisible under the luminous orange trumpets of Pyrostegia venusta, the golden shower, or trees dripping with trails of palest pink Wonga Wonga vines are frequently among the memories we bring back with us from holidays in

The good news is that the run of warmer summers in-creases our chances of success these exotic climbers which flewer so vividly and huxuriantly in the Mediterranean and the tropics. In fact, they can be grown in Britain with little more trouble than it takes to grow pelargoniums.

Research by the University of Reading predicts that carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere will continue to increase, leading to a rise in global mean temperatures of 2C by about 2050. Unifortunately, this does not guarantee frost-free winters, but it does mean that well-ripened plants have a better chance of surviv-

ing cold winters. While conservatories and glasshouses are ideal for permanent and over-wintering tender plants, they are not essential. In Holland in the 17th century, when the rich merchants kept newly introduced exotics in ornate orangeries, people with less money protected theirs under a leanto made of straw-packed hurdles. It is even easier today. Tender climbers planted against sheltered south and west-facing walls can be given additional protection with curtains of netting, hordcultural fleece or bubble polythene. (Make sure that the roots are thickly mulched, as you would for a fuschia, and then, if the

With warmer summers predicted,

it should be easier to grow those

lush climbers, says Barbara Abbs

top growth is damaged by frost, new shoots will often appear from the base.)

Exotic climbers can also be grown successfully in containers. Indeed, some vigorous species, such as passion flowers or bougainvilles, can be more easily kept within bounds if confined in a pot. Guy Sisson at the Plantsman Nursery in north Devon. where there was 12 degrees of frost last winter, grows his extensive stock of climbing plants in unheated greenhouses. Even such glamorous ramblers as Beaumontia grandiflora survived.

He recommends several that can be grown in pots, cut down in late summer and stored inside for the winter. A cellar, garage or spare bed-room will do if the temperature does not fall below zero.

the plants should be kept very dry but not allowed to dry out completely. As soon as growth begins in the spring plants kept in dark places will need to be moved into the light. New growth can be sup-ported on canes or trellis. Top of Mr Sisson's list is a perennial convolvulus, Ipo-

moea indica, with rich blue trumpets which turn purplish as they age. The woody stem should be cut back to 3ft-4ft and the plant brought inside before the frost. Keep it dry.

There is also Mandevilla x amoena 'Alice du Pont', with its glowing pink flowers which grow up to 4in wide. The stem can be cut back to within a foot



Passiflora racemosa

before overwintering indoors in dry conditions.

Try the fast-growing Thun-bergia grandiflora, which can be cut back to 2ft before the winter. It has trumpet-shaped flowers from pale to deep violet-blue, and must be kept in the light during the winter ecause it is evergreen.

asminoīdes, is also evergreen and should not be kept in a dark garage or cellar during cold weather. The pandorea has clusters of white flowers with rich pink throats and flowers for a long period.

One of the easiest plants to

store over winter is the wonderfully exotic red and yellow flowered Gloriosa superba, or climbing lily. It grows from a tuber, which should be lifted and kept dry and frost-free over the winter.

The climbing ragwort, Senecio confusus, has large or-



the violent cerise of B. glabra,

a colour I used to hate until I

saw it growing on a white-

painted cottage against a Med-

iterranean blue sky. Avoid

using it against brick walls in

our northern light, or try some

of the subtler reds and oranges

ange daisies that age to red. This can be cut back to 6ft and should be kept on a bright window-sill during winter.

Slightly hardier are Hibbertia scandens with rich yellow flowers like single roses, Kennedia rubicunda with pea flowers of dusky coral and Hardenbergia violacea with showers of small violet pea flowers in early spring. These can be kept in a sheltered place over winter, wrapped in fleece or bubble wrap.

that are available. I grow B. 'Miss Manila' which looks Westdale Nurseries in Wiltshire specialises in bougainvillea. The tiny white flowers of bright enough to me, although this plant are insignificant but described simply as pink. the papery bracts in vivid Bougainvillea can be colours are unmissable. It is available in shades other than

pruned back firmly and benefits from a cool resting period. If the temperature drops too low, however, it can be late in coming back into flower. For maximum flowers, give bougainvillea the sunniest spot. In a conservatory, and with careful management, it will flower more than once a year.



The climbing lily Gloriosa superba 'Rothschildiana'



Bougainvillea glabra

John Vanderplank's splendid displays of passiflora ex-hibited at the Chelsea and Hampton Court flower shows have demonstrated that there is far more to passion flowers than the well known P. caerulea. This is almost hardy but the flowers are not showy and, like many of its fellows, it is a rampant grower.

Less vigorous and more eye catching is P. 'Incense', which is fragrant, equally tough and has violet petals and sepals with deeper violet filaments banded with white. P. racemosa, with long racemes of scarlet flowers, really needs to be under glass, preferably trained across the roof so that flowers can hang

Some of the smaller climbers can be grown in hanging baskets, where they will trail elegantly down rather than climb up. The beautiful Caroli-

na jasmine Gelsemium sempervirens, with its strongly scented yellow flowers, can be grown this way.

Hoya bella, one of the few branching climbers, has a musky smell, white and maroon flowers, a small root structure and enjoys life in a hanging basket, as dues H. carnosa, with umbels of pale pink velver-petalled flowers.

carnosa can also be pot-grown, with the long round a small wigwam of cane. Be sure to keep these well-watered during the summer but like all other tender plants keep them dry during cold weather. Climbers in pots should be planted in a loambased compost, such as John Innes No 2 or 3, with some added sand or grit. Peat-based composts are difficult to re-wet after they have been kept very dry, as these plants need to be

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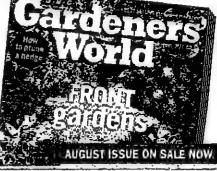
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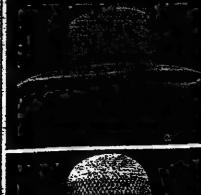
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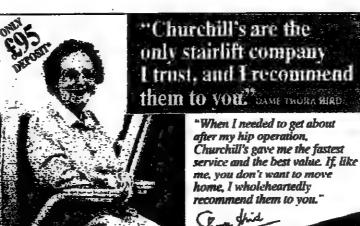
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### Stephen Anderton meets the fruit lovers who are fighting to save Britain's threatened older varieties



# Rootin' for old apples

fied, apple tree soldiering on at the bottom of the garden producing delicious fruit year after year? How do you get it propagated?

One source of help is the Brogdale Horticultural Trust at Faversham in Kent, which is holding one of its "propagatewhile-you-wait" days on August 3 when you can take along material from your own trees and have it "budded" on to heavy, pot-grown stocks (in spring propagating is done by grafting on to lighter, barerooted stocks).

You can even send in suitable, strong, year-old shoots for grafting. Or you can ask for trees to be propagated from the 2,300 varieties of apple in the National Apple Collection at Brogdale.

The collection includes many old varieties, a lot of which were in commercial market. One reason for this is that when old orchards of lurge, standard trees are replaced for smaller more manageable trees on modern rootstock, the replacebeen one favoured by the mass purchasers, the supermarkets. And so Gala, Braeburn, Granny Smith and Cox prevail.

But even the big stores are now becoming interested in unusual varieties, and Brogdale's specialist fruit is also in demand at stylish restaurants and emporiums such as Fortnum and Mason in London.

Brogdale has survived over the years by the skin of its teeth. It began life in 1924 as a joint fruit enterprise between the Government and the Royal Horticultural Society, and in the 1950s became a trialling station. Mainly because of the interest of the first director. "Jock" Potter, apples were collected on the 150-acre site. There were also collections of old varieties of pears, cherries, plums, currants, gooseberries, strawberries, nuts, medlars and vines.

The Government closed Brog-dale in 1990, saying that the collections of old varieties were ing East Malling Research Station, working on fruit development. regarded the Brogdale collections as a health hazard rather than a valuable gene pool. Finally, and after serious questions in high places, the Brogdale Horticultural Trust was set up in 1991, buying out the land and collections from the Government with both private and local authority funding.

Today the trust operates as a small-scale commercial fruit farm and, with some help from the Government, maintains and promotes the National Fruit Collection which, because of previous planting, specialises in apples and pears.

The apple collection includes eating, cooking and cider apples, material to nurseries as well as private individuals.

Promotional work includes regular tours of the collections. There is a season-long programme of workshops and events for amateurs, at which Chris Godden deals with pruning, grafting and orchard practice (with a helper, Mr Godden can graft 25,000 buds on to rootstocks in six weeks).

There are also demonstration days when the attraction of apples in blossom, in fruit, and in the mouth are presented. The trust also has a postal fruit-naming service.



Nose", and "White Nor-

at £10 a sample - invaluable for people who are not RHS members and cannot use its scheme.

But is it possible to name all the thousands of fruits sent to Brogdale? David Pennell, the director of horticulture, reckons to be able to get extremely close, or to at least narrow a sample down to two or

ome are obvious. Others are almost impossible. Yet others may be simply Pennell says. "We can only make a judgment on the sample we receive, and that depends so much on the vigour of the tree. Old trees often carry untypically small fruit."

Dr Pennell regards most of the old varieties in the collection as perfectly acceptable garden apples. and would like to see more grown on a commercial scale. "They are nearly all easier to grow than a Cox. after all," he says, and is not willing to see the EU regulations on size blamed for the loss of old varieties in commerce: the apples have only to be at or above a certain

size "typical for the variety", he explains. More important to growers are a high yield from young trees and a good demand for the variety. So "Ashmead's Colonel", for instance, will only ever produce

ume of crop produced by a Cox. But to a gardener, volume is rarely significant. It is more important to have early and late varieties to avoid a clut, a range clean stock on manage able sized trees. All of this is possible with old

varieties on modern

70 per cent of the vol-

cannot get enough of the old varieties of cider apple to press. The firm presses 20 different varieties in an average season, and can make a single-variety pressing from as little as half a ton.

The value of the old varieties is not just in single variety sales but in

blending. The firm is always on the "Foxwhelp". Meanwhile, the firm is planting new orchards of "Sheep's

valued for its tannin. Ivor The big Dunkerton is convinced that there are plenty of stores are becoming. shire, but that many of unidentifiable. He has to chase hard and wide in unusual to find the fruit he wants, and says: "It does not help that the varieties'

At Pembridge in useful books on cider Herefordshire, the family firm of Dunkerton's Cider and Bull's Herefordshire Pomona of 1876, go to collectors at specialist auctions for £5,000 to £6,000. Most people who have an old orchard cannot afford that."

At least Brogdale can help to keep going some of these useful old varieties. But which old varieties ought a gardener to be planting?

Dr Pennell admits that even today there is a wide choice, albeit from a very few sources: "The tree has to suit the garden and the gardener. I tell everyone to think first about what kinds of apple they like, how far north they live and what the soil is like, and whether they want early

or late apples." It is only after narrowing down the field of choice that you can start to decide between a "Nez Plat" and

and fruit-naming schemes are available from the Brogdale Horticultural Trust, Brogdale Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 &XZ (01795 535260/315482). • The following books are a good

Source of information on old varieties: The Book of Apples, by Joan Morgan and Alison Richards (Ebury Press, E22.50), lists and describes the Brogdale collection. The Fruit and Vegetable Finder, £1.99 from The Organic Gardening Catalogue, Coombelands House, Addlessone, Surrey KT15 1HY-01932 820958), is in its fifth, and possibly last, edition. Best to snap up any copi

### WEEKEND TIPS

To Divide clumps of autumnflowering colchicum bulbs before the summer rest is over and flower prowth is induced by autumn rain. Single bulbs in grass or orders will seen huild up egain into clumps Take cuttings of pinks.

setting 3in-long shoots sandy compost. Pelargoniums at the end

of their flowering period may be rested for a few weeks with little water, before starting into growth again. Liquid-feed cucumbers, tomatoes and courgettes regularly.

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### Create a little bit of paradise in Battersea

Te are sipping coffee in a desert-like area doned with succulents and the spiky grey forms of agaves, set off by splashes of vivid orange on the surrounding walls and a brightly coloured "Bedouin tent" of purple, green and yellow which gives a little respite from the heat.

It is dramatic and exotic and feels like California or Italy. But we are across the road from Battersea Park, southwest London, in a small garden owned by an Italian thriller writer, Loretta Napoleoni, and her City trader husband, Ron Gerson, who have two sons. Alexander, nine, and Julian, four. They moved here three

years ago and, unusually, started on the garden before redesigning the house. "I did not want an English garden of lots of little flowers." Ms Napoleoni says. "I was brought up in Rome and wanted a subtropical garden. but I am not a gardener and so I had to find someone to do it. This was difficult; I tried lots of people and then I read about a company called Avant Gardener and asked them to look at the garden. James Fraser came, and spent a long time here before coming up with this plan. We love it."

The garden had been typically English, with masses of roses, and a wartime Anderson air-raid shelter at its centre. For £12,000 it has been transformed into a subtropical The wind blitzed in from a

wide open area to one side of

the house, which is next door

to the drive and the roof

garden of an old people's

Jane Owen discovers a

dramatic taste of the exotic in the heart of London

home, so trellis was erected and covered with climbers enclosing three sides of the garden - not the usual garde centre trellis, but horizontal wooden battens discreetly nailed to uprights. It is clothed in roses, golden hop, the evergreen clematis armandii, Actinidia chinensis, honeysuckle and the purple-flowered Solanum crispum.

Gloomy concrete stairs which plunge down into the



Designer James Fraser

been painted orange to match the end wall of the house and a

side wall, which has a door leading through to next door. The remaining cavity of the shelter is now the garden shed. Above it, decking steps and walkways lead up several levels to a top deck with a mosaic-pillared drinks table and a chair. Halfway up the decking a panel of greeny-blue diamond trellis framed in black makes a balustrade and a focal point above the orangepainted stairwell.

The garden faces south and west, so the main sitting area, at the lowest point of the garden where the family eats al fresco and entertain, is a heady suntrap. It is floored with huge irregular pieces of dark grey Welsh slate, which show off the low-growing crack fillers: woolly thyme, sedum, sempervivums and the New Zealand ground cover Raoulia which is tough enough to walk on.

In the surrounding beds there is a curious mixed planting of euphorbias, iris, bambuo, cow parsiey. Alchemilla mollis and the small palm

Chamaerops.

A large bed above the well of the garden and to the side of the deck has a white barked gum tree Eucalyptus parvifolia, some maize (which the children pick and eath, the grey-leafed, sweetly scented pineapple broom, purple pom poms of alliums, bamboos, and great clumps of specialist grasses - bluey-green Festuca glauca. Carex testacea, Stipa arundinacea and S. gigantea.

The garden is not yet complete and the next stage involves transforming the dull



Loretta Napoleoni and children in the subtropical garden

side passage into a jungly planting of wiry Arbutas x andrachnoides and black bamboo, with grey slate stepping stones. The planting will envelop a large conservatory.

andles in glass holders are held high by iron spikes and these are supplemented by low-voltage uplights dotted in the beds to highlight plants. A computercontrolled automatic watering

system has also been installed In line with Ms Napoleoni's brief, the garden has been designed to be so low in maintenance that it needs only four visits a year by Avant Cardener.

Mr Fraser, a New Zealander with a background in subtropical fruit growing who has been landscaping since he arrived in Britain in 1984. says: "I work for a lot of people who have neither the time nor the knowledge to keep things

going, so when I build a garden that is just a beginning. But if a client is involved in the maintenance I may need \$ to come back only twice a year.

"I have my own nursery where I grow on a lot of the plants that I import directly from New Zealand. Good planting is a key to good design and that depends on having the right plants and a good soil.

"Usually in London gardens, the soil is exhausted and has to be replaced but, in Loretta Napoleoni's garden, it was high quality. I try to be organic, but I sometimes use a little pesticide if I get a sudden aphid bloom or something." says the man who, on one occasion, spent a morning in Ms Napoleoni's garden squashing caterpillars by

James Fraser, Avant Gardene

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aned older varieties

September September

'I am beginning to wonder whether music connects directly with the very young in a way that is lost to us as we get older'

uciano Pavarotti has been awarded the same saimly status by the night at the opera is a treat on a par with an afternoon at Chelsea.

Adoration, as far as the six-year-old is concerned, is most definitely blind. We once made the mistake of referring to his new hero's heft and he went ballistic. "Pavawotty's not fat, you bluts," he bellowed, employing one of his more belligerent self-coined profanities, "And, anyway, don't be so fat-ist," his older brother added sanctimoniously. Their parents, as so often happens these days, in the face of their children monopolising the moral high ground on everything from smoking to pollution, retreated into shamed-faced silence.

A few months ago, my mother — keen to score her first goal for high culture — booked us all into the front row of the Coliseum to see Madame Butterfly. The last English-language opera I had seen was Strauss's Elektra, I was 19 and it was

Enthralled by the power of music not an enjoyable experience. The stage was dominated by a vast pair of scrap metal legs, against which various howling, hysterical women hurled themselves, singing such bathetic lines as "I've got a headache" and "get me a handker-

chief". I'm ashamed to say that I giggled

all the way through it.

But Butterfly is thankfully a far cry
from Elektra. It was Susan Bullock's performance which got to me - her Cio-Cio-San is so sweetly convincing, without the showy "pretend" acting which can make opera rather disengaging — but the children were moved by the whole event. There had been some anxious looks when we took our seats, the boys being the youngest members of the audience by a fair few decades. But as soon as the orchestra struck up, they were entranced and remained so for the rest of the evening.

young in a way that is lost to us as we get older. I have watched the boys watching Young Musician of the Year or even something Jonathan Miller's Don Giovanni on the box, and been struck by their absorption. Their music teach-

ectly with the very

er is - to use his pupils' highest accolade - "wicked". Here is a groovy young man with multiple earnings, a scary haircut and eco-warrior sensibilities who devotes a great deal of his own time and energy to

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opened a door for the even the most deprived among them beautiful

Our nine-year-old

son was dismayed by the news that his favourite teacher was leaving. His own interest in music was sparked

by an unlikely friendship forged during a long hot summer in France with a delightful 15-year-old girl whose grandfa-

ther had been Elgar's amanuensis. It was a scorching afternoon and we

indoors, when we suddenly became aware of a waterfall of music cascading down the corridor. Lettie had trespassed into the owner's living room and, seeing a piano, had been unable to resist the urge to play. Enchanted by the sound, our son went off to investigate and insisted that I come along. He watched and listened and bombarded poor Lotte with questions. At some point in the inquisition, he discovered that the lovely

sounds she was making had come out of ix months of piano lessons hadn't prepared him for this. Boing! It was like one of those cartoons when a lightbuib flashes above the character, as our son realised that you didn't have to be some historical figure in a frock-coat and pompadour to compose music. You just had to do it. And do it,

his parents don't have a musical bone between them — he did.

For the past two years, he has been studying music at the Guildhall School. At the end of one term, the director of the prep department asked the parents to stay behind. It had just been announced that local government funding for children whose parents could not afford the sizeable fees was to be withdrawn. She was dismayed by the idea that this centre of musical excellence would now be available only to the privileged few, and took it upon herself to set up a fund so that other children would be given the same opportunity to flourish as ours.

She once taught music to a boy who was so lacking in educational skills that he could barely read or write. Had he not heen offered a passport for escape, he would almost certainly have been con-demned to the ranks of the unemployed. During his years at Guildhall, his confidence and musicianship soared. He is now a leading member of the Covent Garden orchestra — so could we please give generously? The next time we have a night at the opera, I'll be thinking of him.



# Those rats around the royals

It used to be a scoop for a reporter to get a quote from royalty. Nowadays, ndrew Morton had planned to spend the week tidying up the final draft of his bias veteran Diana-watchers told Simon Freeman, it has all gone too far Whitaker, Kent Gavin and

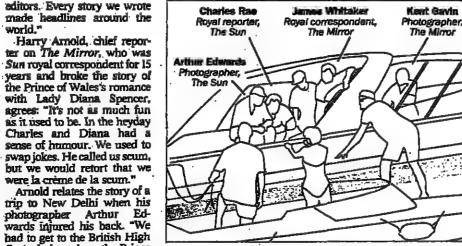
ography of President Moi, the beleaguered Kenyan leader, which has taken him more than two years to write. But then Diana, Princess of Wales, the woman who turned Morton from a tabloid pendit on the royals into a multi-millionaire celebrity, intervened and he was asked yet again for

in St Tropez on Monday. after zooming around on a jetski in a leopard-print swimsuit, she commandeered a speedboat moored off the villa of Mohamed Al Fayed, owner of Harrods, the London store. He has been entertaining the princess and her sons, William and Harry. She steered past the boats manned by the continental paparazzi, whom she does not like, and headed. towards a launch, hired by the elite royal specialists of the The Mirror, The Sun and Daily Mail to monitor her activities that day, and gave what, even by her eccentric standards, was an extraordi-

nary press conference. She gripped the hand-rail and told them they could not take pictures. But that did not matter, since other photographers were snapping away. With the story of how her sons believed she should leave Britain, the next day's papers carried an unusual picture of the working conditions of the

royal rat pack. The boat they had hired for about £1,000 per day was far superior to Diana's, according to Andrew Bray, Editor of Yachting World. But with such sensational news under their belts these particular journalists could afford to indulge themselves a little.

However, Morton, whose book Diana: Her True Story has sold about five million copies around the world in 20 languages, does not seem to envy today's royal reporters: The best days have gone. In the 1980s, when I was covering the royals full-time, the royal specialists on the tabloids were like white knights, going out to do battle every day for their



Commission where the Prince sion. "I slid down the trunk of Wales was holding a function. Arthur couldn't move and got covered in chalk. and there were no taxis, so we Arthur dismounted via the ear but fell on to his back on the ground just as the Prince found a tourist elephant decorated with pastel chalks. A arrived." Charles related the ladder led up to the howdah." They clambered on board in dinner jackets, but there was

no ladder to help them dis-

mount at the High Commis-

Arthur Edwards, The

Sun: The grand old man

of the rat pack is a well-built and ebullient Cock-

ney sparrow. He claims to

be Diana's favourite pho-

during her engagement in

tographer. Because he

"minded" the princess

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incident with relish for days. Royal reporters endured a heavy responsibility because . wards were huge. Stars of the they had to provide regular,

Charles Rae, The Sun:

gow-Italian ice-cream

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stant combat with his re-

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him as Barney Rubble, the

Coke by the bucket. Truly

A huge man and a teetotal-

ler. The product of a Glas-

circulation-boosting exclusives; they were permitted to make mistakes but, if they were wrong too often, they would be dumped back into the news room, where life meant standing on famous

sources; sometimes they paid for information, but often they cultivated insiders carefully. such as the bodyguard who popped into the hotel bar in the evening to brief trusted hacks on what Charles had said to his wife as they were skiing, swimming or sightseeing. (A typical nugget would be: "He was furious that she pack - such as Arnold, James wouldn't smile on the ski



James Whitaker, The Mirror: Known to Diana as the Fat Tomato. Pompous, urbane but likeable. A man who shouts rather than talks, he is an army officer's son from Cheltenham. He has crawled through the bushes at Balmoral, and fixed up the Duchess of York's toe-

sucking pictures.



Edwards — travelled the world on unlimited expenses.

In Nairobi, when the Queen was revisiting Treetops game lodge, Edwards remarked that

one of his colleagues' hotel

bills resembled a Beach Boys

song sheet: "Because it goes:

Despite the sneers of the

quality press that they simply made everything up, they were

as enterprising and energetic

as war correspondents. It was

part of the game that the royals dodged and weaved

even though, privately, they

enjoyed publicity.
The journalists also needed

bar, bar, bar, bar, bar. . .

Kent Gavin, The Mirror: Known to his friends as Gavers. He is another Cockney, though quieter and more enigmatic than Edwards. They claim to be rivals, but are in private the best of friends, frequently helping each other out. His friends claim he has had many private conversations with Diana.

miserable", thus providing the headline "Cheer up, Di!".)

Morton's book, however, changed the royal reporting landscape. He did far more than strip the remains of mystique from royalty; he revealed pain, misery and hypocrisy, which was fascinat-ing but definitely not fun. There were other repercus-

sions. The quality press, which until then had regarded the young royals as an amusing soap opera, now thought their behaviour raised grave constitutional issues. The standards of reporting also changed irrevocably: Morton had named his sources, which meant others would have to follow suit. And, finally, rivals needed to trump Morton with even more shocking stories.

in St Tropez this week yearned for the days when they would be hailed as heroes by their editors for crawling through a jungle to witness Charles and Diana sunbathing on a beach; now, they complain, their masters demand Watergatestyle revelations.

Modern communications have added to the pressures. "In the old days, you went back to the hotel, developed your pictures, and sent them to London. Now you have to transmit them instantly before the freelances beat you to it," one journalist said.

A photographer, once a feared member of the royal press pack, also mourned for the days when it was a scoop merely to elicit a quote from a royal, warranting a tax-free bonus on expenses. "It's all gone too far now," he said. You get Charles saying he committed adultery on television, and Diana saying she has had an affair. But the tabloids have to put her on the front page because she still sells papers."

There is still hope, however, in the shape of Prince William. 15. "He looks as if he might turn out to be a cracker. He's a real royal. He doesn't like the press, and isn't going to blub

### Down in the engine room

Ruth Gledhill joins the monks at

Ampleforth for Holy Mass



the Sanctus filtered

through the canopy and tround the gently domed men in their twenties, sat in black cowl and habit as the congregation, mostly visitors, retreatants and local parishioners, drank in the

beatific atmosphere of Ampleforth Abbey. The monks' chanting has been recorded in perpetuity on CD. Vision of Peace is about to win them a silver disc, having sold 60,000 since its launch in 1995. But here, the chanting, led by Brother Laurence, was not in aid of record sales but of a weekday Mass, the daily eucharist which underpins the life of the abbey and its

school next door.

Ampleforth defies perceived convention in that it has a community of 100 monks, plus a healthy annual influe of terms. nual influx of young novices. Many work in local parishes or abroad. Of the 40 resident monks, most were in Lourdes where the new Abbot, Fr Timothy, 54, who was elected in March. is soiritual director to pilgrms. But the novices remain in the monastery

throughout the summer. Our celebrant was Fr Paulinus, in his second year in the novitiate and formerly a parish priest in Liverpool. The church was bare with few statues. There was no incense, or Stations of the Cross, and just two strokes of the bell at the Consecration.

FR PAULINUS said the "grace" and prayed for "purity and strength" as we prepared to celebrate. We confessed our sins, and prayed that we might follow the example of St Bonaventure, the 13th-century Franciscan whose feast day it was. Brother Columba, who paints icons in the traditional Orthodox style, read from Exodus and Brother Kentigern read from Matthew. Fr Paulinus preached. "The miracles of Jesus invited faith, but very often they provoked the opposite." He asked why this gift was rejected. "Our hearts are very complex and easily deceived. Faith is

essentially simple and seeks out the child-like." The Catholicism we were

enjoying dates back in unbroken line to before the Reformation. The abbey's alumni are at the heart of the British establishment. Archbishop of Westminster, was formerly abbot here. Famous old boys include Frank Muir, Piers Paul Read, Lord Nolan and Phillip Lawrence.

It is no coincidence that the Rule of St Benedict, on which the monks model their lives, is today being adapted by some multinational companies as the latest modern management formula. Ampleforth is an example of how the ancient Benedictine model of community life, one based on spiritual values, can give rise to a thriving, vital and

profitable entity.

The school, founded in 1812, has about 600 boy pupils. More than 10,000 visitors stay overnight at Ampleforth each year, many on retreats under the spiritual direction of the monks. The abbey is the biggest local employer, with more than 350 lay people working in its two schools. its dairy farm, its 3,000-acre estate and at its Redcar farm youth hostel.

IN A NEW scheme this summer, dozens of boys and girls from northern parishes are staying at Ampleforth, being trained by international coaches across a range of sports. But as Blaise Davies, formerly a member of the community and now in charge of the Redcar hostel, explains, the church is central to the enterprise. "The choir, the Mass, is the engine room." he said. "It puts everything into context. From here, the monks go into the parishes. the community, the school. The prayer feeds and sus-

Mass over, the monks filed into the privacy of the cloisters. The wheels were turning and soon everyone would be hard at work. By the end of that day I was 250 miles away, surrounded by traffic fumes, tall buildings and noise. But staying with me still, but barely detectable, were the unmistakable strains of the Agnus Dei. Ampleforth Abbey, York,
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Florence Lavender found that estate agents' prices and professionalism can vary wildly

# Is your home valued right?

t is easy and fashionable to sound off about estate agents. After all, they play an elaborate game. They set themselves up as experts with in-depth knowledge of the local market, but the bottom line is that they do not know what your house is

Nonetheless, they authoritatively produce a specific price or suggest a £5,000-wide band, based not only on their perception of what your home will fetch, but also on their particular approach to making

They could quote a higher guide price, hoping to appeal to your greed. They could aim low, on the grounds of a quick, painless sale. Or they could opt for the middle ground, maybe looking for an element of competition to achieve better than the asking price.

So when I recently considered putting my home on the market, I was interested to compare the reactions of four local agents.

I live in a pretty, modest but well turned out one-bedroom flat with a good smattering of original features, part of an unremarkable Victorian conversion in a quiet, leafy corner of a popular part of north London. I paid £70,000 for it three and a half years ago, in the days when buyers could haggle and sellers cleaned the bath and brewed fresh coffee when viewers were expected. It would suit professional twentysomethings very nicely. Even on the phone the differences in the agents' re-sponses were detectable, rang-

to undisguised enthusiasm. There were some similarities. All the agents' standard fees were 2 per cent inclusive of advertising, though one said he'd be prepared to talk about it if he were instructed, and another was so keen to take on the job that he dropped to 1.75 per cent as soon as I raised the subject. And all

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high ceilings, wonderful out-look, all those Victorian feathere'll be no problem finding a buyer," they enthused. But a buyer in how long? And at what price? Agent A marched round,

with barely a glance at my rather smart bathroom, and made no notes. Did I have any idea what price I wanted for the place, she inquired. No. 1 said, that was why I had asked her over. She quoted an unhesitating £90,000-£95,000.

hen I asked about marketing plans, she said that wouldn't be necessary. It was difficult to say how long the sale would take; better that I concentrate on finding something I wanted to buy first. Could she interest me in details of a couple of places round the corner? Agent B was the model of a

seriously besuited estate agent. What a wondrous flat, he cooed, what a tremendous bathroom. It would go on at £100,000, though he anticipated offers between £95,000 and £105,000. This was a professional act.

energetic, heavy on the importance of strategic marketing, touchingly enthusiastic. I was promised "a comprehensive marketing strategy\*.
"I could find a buyer in a

week," he said, "but I'd rather take the time to do it properly.

And that means taking a view on the strength of the bidders." He left me feeling as though my flat was worth a couple of million, but also vaguely uneasy that I was being conned.

In comparison, Agent C came across as a refreshingly regular bloke-next-door. "It's a nice flat," he said, "but the most important element of any property is its location - and this is a nice street in an extremely popular area

So? "I'd put it on at £110.000. There's so little about and the market is strong." The flipside of an extra few thousand would be the time: "Four to six weeks to get the right number of people through."

By the time the fourth agent

arrived, I was feeling pretty cocky. "It's immaculate," he said, after measuring, scribbling and opening things with a single-mindedness shown by none of the others. "£85,000. Or perhaps £89,950 at a pinch." Not a flicker of surprise crossed my face. I asked casually about marketing and was regaled with the titles of various publications. "This flat's so nice it'll sell to the first person coming round," explained Agent D.

What about getting a few more through and having them fight over it? "I'd prefer to get just one offer, and I can do that with the first person I bring round because we make a point of knowing our clients'

Postscript: The week after Agent D had visited, I received Should I succumb to my greed and the casual charm of

needs." Funny, I'd thought I was his client; but my needs for £100,000-plus appeared to be going unrecognised at this

With valuations varying by £25,000 and philosophies ranging from laissez-faire to deeply inflationary, I was bemused. Financial rationale, coupled with the belief that these people ought to be doing some hard work for their cut of the proceeds, limited the choice to the two highest quotes, from agents B and C.

blokey Agent C, and run with the highest price with the hope of an eventual bite, but the risk of a long, slow campaign despite this quick-fire market? Or should I give in to the shiny Agent B, on the grounds that his valuation policy would reflect the real market value of the flat? Or should I just count my blessings and stay put in my desirable little piece of real

a letter of confirmation from him - pretty standard practice, except that this one quoted a price of £95,000, which was £5,000-£10,000 higher than the figure he cited tioned to him during his visit that his was the lowest guide price I had been given, and that the highest was some £20,000-£25,000 higher: food

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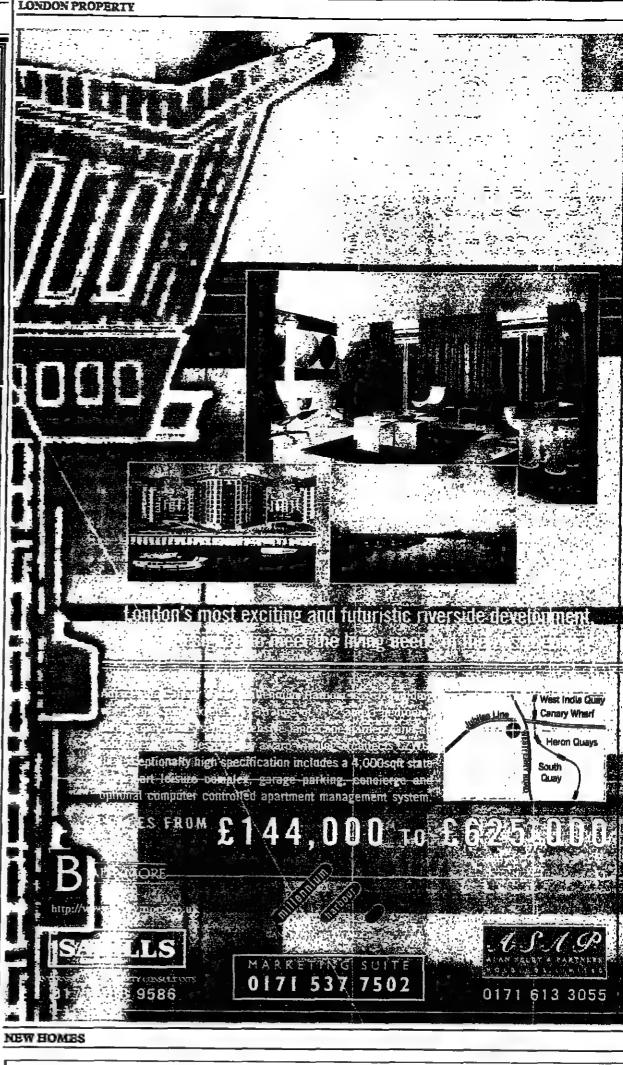
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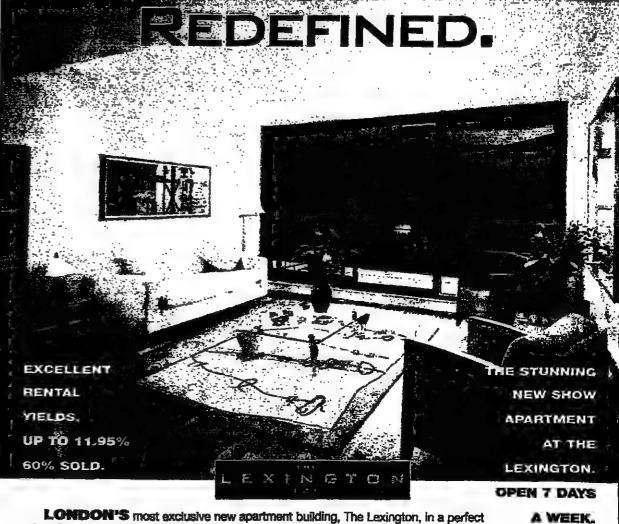
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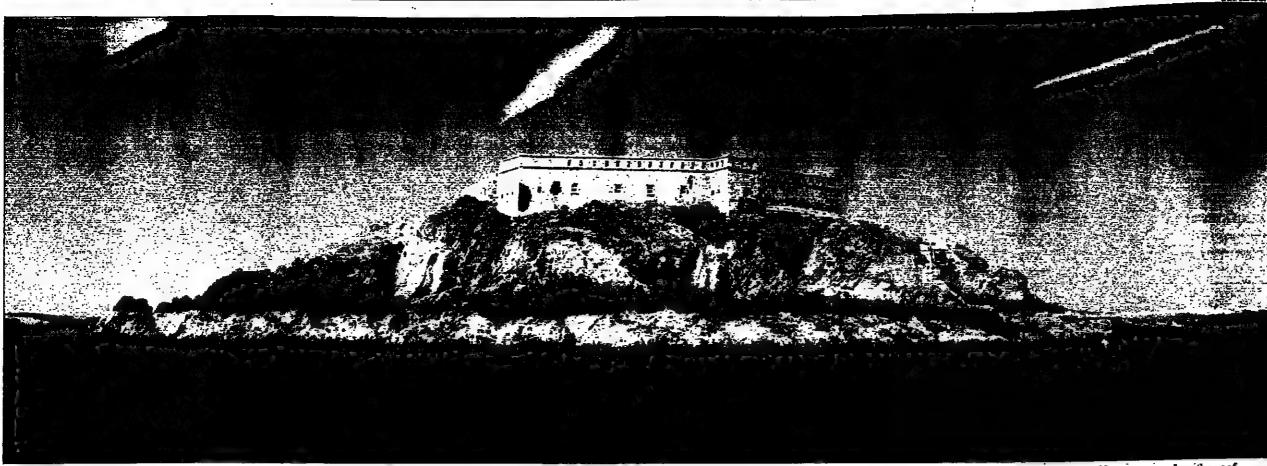
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### Erica Wagner visits an island fortress that would provide a serious adventure for a new buyer



Thorne Island's forbidding fortress was once home to soldiers in Queen Victoria's reign and only passed into private hands in 1945. Potential new owners are warned that ferocious winter storms can isolate it and leave seaweed on the roof

### idnight. The sky is black and rivthe Milky Way looping silver from horizon to Driving down the narrow, sinuous lane that leads down to West Angle Bay, we pass the Texaco oil refinery, glittering like Oz against the obsidian night, throwing gouts of flame and smoke into the darkness. Then it is hidden behind a hill and there is nothing to guide us as we head down the beach and towards an invisible sea. Everything is very quiet,

"Are you sure this is the right beach?" I ask my companion. "it has to be," he says. He's been here before, knows his way around the place, but all the same he doesn't sound too sure.

And then we hear the thin whine of a motor as Thorne Island's launch approaches to collect us. This is the only way to get to the island, whose two acres are a quarter of a mile out in the bay. At high tide there is a landing stage, but at low tide you do what we did: take off your shoes and socks, wade out into the freezing sea and clamber into an inflatable boat. Thorne Island is not a purchase for the faint of heart.

It doesn't take long to get there, ten minutes over a calm couple who are booked in for a weekend - the island is now run by owner Peter Williamson as a hotel in the summer. We round a spit of land and the island looms over us, its outline picked out by yellow light that spills out of slit-like windows. It looks formidable, secure as Alcatraz; welcoming, one must admit, is not the word that springs to mind.

# The ultimate hideaway





Guests at the entrance (left) looking towards the coast; and Peter Williamson the owner, on the ramparts with Anita Lunn

But once you have climbed the 50 or so steep, slippery stone steps that lead up from the dock (nul points from the Does He Take Sugar? team).

the welcome is warm. Ushered into an enormous. housed soldiers, we were revived with food and drink. Nearly 40ft long and washed with pink and white paint, the room was enlivened by a fine fire in the grate.

Although this was July, the fire was very welcome. Winter brings waves that crash over the island, depositing seaweed on the fort's roof. Winter habitation would mean in-

stalling central heating, an amenity the fort does not currently provide. Central

horne Island, though described as a Napobuilt in 1854, a good 33 years after Boney perished on his own island prison. It was owned by the Ministry of Defence until 1945, when it was sold to its first private owner for £50; now the asking price is £275,000. Mr Williamson has owned it for six years. and besides replumbing and rewiring the place, has in-

When calculating the cost it

Jane Green has recently

sauna and, in the courtyard where soldiers once drilled, a volleyball court. A giant chessboard painted on the ramparts reminded me just how dread-

ful I am at the game. Off the comfortable sitting games room and a dining room, both large and serviceable: and the room that served as a cookhouse when the place was built is still in use as the

The only trouble with its size, said Anita Lunn, who was serving the guests that weekend, is that you cover a lot of ground in a day's work... Turn left as you come through

the fort's great wood and iron doors and you find the guest accommodation. A room the size of the lounge has been split into eight bedrooms (there is another, larger one,

where the guard house once the seabirds whose morning arguments ensured we rose with the sun. They are spartan, as is the shower and toilet room at the end of the long corridor, and far away from the sitting room's roaring fire a pervasive damp becomes more evident

A prospective owner should be warned that repainting the

### FORTRESS OF THE WEEK

Thome Island, Angle, Pembroke, Dyled Price: about £275,000 Setting: ¼ mile out into

nine miles; M4 motorway 50 miles. There is a slow, daily service from Paddington Station. Shopping: don't torget to make a list when you venture

Milford Haven bay. Pembroks

to Pembroke's shops: think how annoyed you'll be when you realise you forgot the

mitk and have to wade up the beach again. Guils eggs, in son, can be found on the remparts

 Entertainment: make your own, the old-fashloned way. Long storm-bound evenings could doubtless be whiled away with games of charactes and Truth or Dare. But don't even. think about running or jumping on the ramparts — it is a long. way down to the rocks below.

annual task, such havoc does metaphorical drawbridge the winter weather wreak. Old just don't send out the boat artillery stores now provide and sit tight. Look out over Milford Haven bay, blue and accommodation.

tranquil out to the west. It is Rainwater tanks shown on less peaceful to the east, where the original plans are still the for washing but not for drink-The refinery also ensures 273087) ing. Two diesel generators supply electricity - and seem

to work most of the time. But why would you buy a place like this? Well, climb the steps to the high, wide ramparts, stride above the nesting gulls and you may become attached to being master of your domain. Want to get

away from it all? Pull up your

tanker spotters, Mr William-son probably got a better look than he would have liked at the Sea Empress when she ran aground here last year Guests come to sail, dive

that the island is a paradise for

and windsurf. There are dolphins and whales in these waters. The nearby islands of Skomer and Skokholm are bird sanctuaries.

Without doubt this is a beautiful location despite the refinery, but there is no getting away from the fact that Her Majesty's Government did not build Thome Island as a resort, and its forbidding solidity could never really be overcome. Knock it down and start again? Not a possibility, for it is Grade II listed - and even if you were able, I imagine that aerial bombing would do only minor damage. If you buy Thorne Island you are stuck with what is described in the literature as a "romantic Napoleonic fort" work that one out, if you can.

The sun was blazing on the sea when we left. Trousers rolled, shoes in hand, we leapt from the boat into the shallows and made our way up West Angle beach, feeling as if we had had a great adventure.

But nothing compared to the adventure that would follow the purchase of Thorne Island.

### PROPERTY PROFILE: LINCOLNSHIRE

A weekly look at the property market around Britain

Attractions: Commuters now flocking to villages around Grantham and Stamford would disagree with Henry VIII. He described the county as "one of the most brutal and beestile of the whole realm", although his view was coloured by the Pilgrimage of Grace in 1536, when local peasants rebelled against his religious reforms. The Wolds to the north are raved about by those in the know, while the Georgian town of Stamford, the setting for the BBC's adaptation of George Eliot's Middlemarch, pulls the crowds. Grantham to King's Cross in under an hour is a big lure, while the Al provides links to major routes.

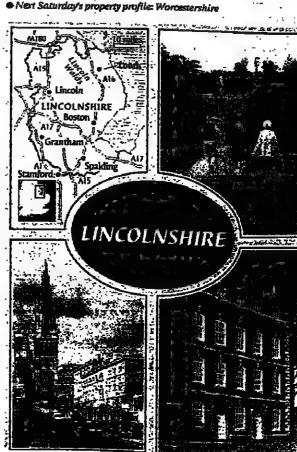
The market rising slowly, according to Strutt & Parker, with nothing like the dramatic price increases of the South East, and neighbouring Northamptonshire and Leicestershire. Savills in Lincoln quotes rises of 5 per cent over the last year for prime properties. The market fell by between 30 per cent and 40 per cent in the recession, according to Longstaff in Spalding. Expect to pay: prices are 15-20 per cent higher in the south of the

county than in the agricultural north, according to Savills. Humberts reckons a three-bedroom cottage would go for £90,000 to £130,000; a five-bedroom farmhouse without land for £175,000 to £225,000, while a small manor house would cost from £250,000. Clegg Kennedy Drew in Stamford says it could sell any number of Georgian family houses within 15 miles of Stamford, while Stacks Relocation is house-hunting for second home buyers, or commuters, who can find nothing in the Home Counties or nearby Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. Significant sales: the sale of Fulbeck Hall, in Fulbeck, near

Grantham, was something of an occasion this spring. Savills sold the William and Mary house for close to the £450,000 guide price, a successful attempt to tap into the boom in the South East.

Onthook: generally good. Clegg Kennedy Drew reckons it is a county no longer beyond the commuting frontier.

AMANDA LOOSE



Taking steps to restore a front path

Take a walk along any street of Victorian terraced houses and you are likely to see some front steps and paths that still have the original geometric tiles. These small tiles were laid in contrasting colours to create a simple, effective pattern.

Victorian developers were keenly aware that the first impression of a property was important and that a decoratively tiled path and steps added a feeling of grandeur. they also knew the steps rising to the front door were an important social tool, because they ensured the housewife would always be standing above the milkman or tradesmen when she opened her front door.

Geometric patterned tiles were originally used to decorate churches, monasteries

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Joyce Blake explains how

to recreate traditional tile

patterns

and the homes of the aristocracy. In the 1860s, with the advent of new technology, they became cheaper to produce and more widely available. During the Victorian period they became increasingly popular for indoor and outdoor use, because they were practical, decorative and relatively

Sadly, many Victorian paths have deteriorated and been replaced with concrete or

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store the traditional tiling can be expensive but it is possible to achieve a good finish with-

out spending a fortune. is worth remembering that well-laid tiling lasts for 100

finished renovating the front of her house in Belsize Park. north London. She says: "My steps still had the original black and white tiles, which were in good condition, but the front path had to be renewed. I wanted the new path to be in keeping with the house and to blend in with the old steps. [ did a lot of research and took pictures of similar houses in the area that still had the inexpensive.

original paths. Armed with my photos and one of the old tiles. I went to several salvage yards and reproduction tile shops, but still couldn't find any tiles with

> ventually, I went to a local tile shop and found some large modern tiles that were a perfect colour match with the originals. My tiler cut them into smaller squares and. when laid, they looked great."

the right shade and texture.

Before tiling it is important to check the condition of the path and steps. If the path is in good repair, with just a few riles missing or cracked, it is possible to have suitable re-

placements made. The Encaustic Tile Company can produce traditional tiles, using a photograph, that will blend with the existing path. You can order a single tile, but expect to pay considerably more for these than for tiles bought in a shop.

If the path is damaged it is

best to have a new concrete

base laid, because this will

use reproduction salvaged or There are tiling companies that reproduce Victorian tiles using traditional clay and colour stains. Original Style produces a wide range of

from £35 a square metre for a

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884747): traditional tiles to match an existing path.

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Jane Green renewed her front path with modern tiles that matched the original tiled steps

Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland TDI5 2QF (01668 216494): lists salvage yards (information pack E5.75).

Original Style (01392 474058): catalogue and nearest stockists of reproduction Victorian tiles (pictured above). ■ Tiles and Architectural Ceramies Society (01743 236127): information on restoring your tiling in period style.

make a durable foundation. The next decision is whether to more decorative patterns. about the same as the modern reproduction ones. While they have more charm, they are Victorian designs, with a variety of borders. Prices range

to £60-£70 a square metre for Another option is to use

salvaged original Victorian tiles. These are likely to cost will look more authentic and becoming increasingly hard to find, and may need cleaning before they can be relaid. For information on salvage

yards in your area, which often stock reclaimed tiles, contact Salvo, which compiles regional guides to salvage yards (see box).

Modern tiles are a cheaper option and can be used to good effect. As Ms Green discovered, it is possible to buy new ceramic tiles and have them cut into small shapes. Most tile shops stock a range of tiles that have been made from traditional materials that would look authentic outside a Victorian house.

There is no doubt that a well-tiled front path and steps can give a house a real facelift. Ms Green says: "I am extremely happy with my fin-ished project. The newly tiled steps and path are in keeping with the style of our property and please me each time I walk in and out of the house.

"I hope the tiles remain there for another hundred years and that future owners of the house will appreciate the effect as much as I have."

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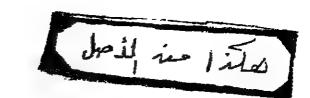
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The Cuckmere Valley Petanque Club has been playing La Boule Dieppoise home and away since 1993, but without a victory in sight

# The Norman conquests

Pernod I had ever been given. But Christian Henry would not take "non" for an answer. It could have been worse that grey Saturday morning. It could have been a Scotch egg.

La Boule Dieppoise, a team of 20 stout Normans, had crossed the Channel to Newhaven for another conquest, intent on thrashing the English at the French national game of boules, or petanque.

After the duty-free shop on the ferry. M Henry and his merry men had visited the local Sainsbury's to stock up on tea, bacon and Scotch eggs. Rather surprising, but perhaps they thought the Scotch bit was something else. "We always get thrashed," said Jeffrey Hernu. leader of the Cuckmere Valley Petanque Club, fluent French speaker and sometime postwar aide de camp to Montgomery. Perhaps, you should have a little water with that?"

A cry went up from the club pavilion. "Here's Topper." In came Christopher Ann, owner of the Wine Centre, near Alfriston in East Sussex, with several carafes of punch. M Henry pursued me with a little water for the Pernod. Mr Hernu gave me a glass of punch and the sun came out. Or it seemed to, anyhow. The Cuckmere club has a perma-

nent pitch, or piste as petanque players call it, at the wine centre. With its pavilion and well-gravelled courts, this is the Wimbledon of the game. In France, boules is played on any patch of sandy ground, often under the plane trees in the village square. It's catching on in Britain, espe-cially in Kent and Sussex, where a

few pubs advertise it along with their beer gardens on the signs outside. There is even a British Peranque Association. "Come and have a go," said Jean

Foster, a Cuckmere member. A few Anglo-French friendlies were being played before Junch. The idea is to get your boule as near as possible to

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Petanque may have

caught on in Britain, but Jill Parkin sees

the French hand out an annual thrashing

the jack, and bomb the opposition boules out of the way without hitting your own.

masters, looked relaxed in style and girth. There couldn't be much to it. But petangue is harder than it looks. The boules are held with the They weigh more than 700g each would have done considerably

better with a Scotch egg.
"Good line," Mrs Foster said. It was tactful of her not to mention the length. The English side were the cream of South Coast retired folk well-herled and slightly batty but very good losers. "It was 10-18 last year," Mr Hernu said. "I'd like to narrow the gap this year."

ver lunch in Topper's barn, I tried to find out why the English side played, but I could only diagnose eccentricity, "We're one of the largest clubs," Mrs Foster said. "But we're the least serious." A good thing too. No club with a care for its reputation would expose itself to this every year. Cuckmere has been doing it since 1993 — at home and away - with not a

victory in sight.

Over an English wine called Red
Rabbit, M Henry and his second in command, Pierre Landais, kept an eye on one of their younger members. Was he diluting his Pernod with Red Rabbit, I wondered?

"In France it's bad luck to break a lass," M Landais said. "He has is in Russia." Good grief. Vodka? The cups stood ready outside the

the size of the other. "That's the losers' cup." Mr Hernu explained. "I thought we should have it - for

"Pour l'effort!" Jean-Louis Serra the tailest member of the French team, translated for the benefit of a team-mate. He laughed the sort of French laugh Harold probably heard just before the arrow.

Then the challenge match between the teams began, "Now," said player Tom Woods, "c'est serieux. No holds barred." Serieux indeed. Gauloise on lip, a

Frenchman — and they're nearly all men — plays petanque in earnest. Two boules close to the jack? Perhaps you and I would take a squint at it and agree one way or the other. Not the French. They whip out a tape measure.

Centimetres or inches?" I asked Mr Hernu, "Millimetres," he replied. The English team looked cool and smiled a lot. They kept wandering off-piste and asking what the latest score was in the Test match. The French didn't smile until they were well ahead.

It's a social occasion. Just friendcompetition," M Serra said. wiping his boules with a bar towel. Is that boule tampering?

"Hardly, It's a whitewash," said a Cuckmere member, adding hopefully to a Frenchman: "Un blanc lavage, n'est-ce pas?" The Frenchman smiled. "They're being very polite about it," said Bruce Allen, a retired engineer, "but basically they think we're rubbish." it was all over. The Normans had

conquered by 22 games to six. And that was with three broken glasses against them. They received the smaller winners' cup, and a philosophical Mr Hernu accepted the huge losers' trophy "pour l'effort".
"Will you ever be beaten?"

asked M Serra, "Next year," interrupted a Cuckmere member, exhibiting the sort of masochism known only to English sportsmen. M Serra smiled graciously. We will play with an 'andicap," he said.

going, but has a strange habit. She drinks only from

her waterbowl in the garden.

whether it's tap or rain water. It's OK in summer, but I can

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### Pet ills get the needle

Tom, a ten and a half year old cocker spaniel, was a most accommodating patient. He placed his hind legs on the table, his front legs on his owner's shoulder and thus standing, gazing quietly, around the room, waited for acupuncture to

begin. Vet Eric Nelson unwrapped a sterilised stainless steel needle, located a point on the dog's shoulder, placed the needle inside a narrow plastic tube and; holding one end against the spaniel's shoulder. tapped the needle into the dog's skin with his finger.

There was not a flinch on Tom's face, so Mr Nelson found another point on the shoulder and tapped the next needle in. Another two needles were placed at the base of Tom's spine, one went in close by and two more were put into the back of his legs.

This is really no different from treating a human being," Mr Nelson says. "Basically, I am stimulating the nerves by putting needles into areas which control the energy pass-ing through the underlying body organs."

Traditional Chinese medicine holds that life force energies or "chi" flows through the body - human or animal along well-defined meridians or channels. It says that where energy does not flow normaliy, ill heaith can occur.

Acupuncturists aim to restore health by inserting needles at appropriate sites. known as scupuncture points, on the affected meridians and so release the energy. The points are those places in the skin where it is easiest to access a nerve and muscle function. What is known as the animal's bladder channel, for instance, (which starts at the inner corner of the eye and goes to the little toe of the hind foot) has 67 points.

What we are trying to say is that modern scientific discovery has demonstrated that acupuncture works in various ways, including the production by the body of chemicals which deaden pain "says John Nicol, president of the Association of British Veterinary Acupuncturists (ABVA).

The two needles placed at the base of Tom's spine, to the left and right of the lumbar



Vet Eric Nelson treats one of his canine charges, Vandal, with acupuncture needles

vertebrae, were on a point called "bladder 23". This was to stimulate the adrenal cortex which produces natural cortisone. The two on the dog's shoulder at acupuncture point "large intestine 16" were to

help relieve pain.
This was Tom's fourth visit to Mr Nelson over the past 12 or so weeks. A few months ago his owner, Pat Hyde, had noticed the dog pulling up his right front leg whenever he walked over stony ground. Sometimes he would lick his

paw as if it might help ease the pain. Arthritis was eventually diagnosed and corrisone tablets were prescribed by a vet.

rs Hyde says: "I wasn't very happy V about Torn taking the tablets in case of any longterm side-effects so I started making inquiries about alternative medicine. The vet then

got in touch with Mr Nelson.
"The treatment is helping Tom a lot. He no longer pulls up his foot on hard ground, he

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walks quicker and more com-

veterinary acupuncturists in the country. Every Tuesday and Thursday at the Hadrian Veterinary Group in Hexham, Northumberland, Mr Nelson treats a variety of ailments including arthritis, allergies, heart conditions, bruises, constipation and pain. Treatment costs £10 for about 20 minutes.

Dogs are his main patients but

he has seen cats and rabbits as

fortably and he gets down-stairs easier as well, she says. has narrowed because of increased calcification and a Mr Nelson is one of 100 number of the nerves supplying her hind legs have been trapped. Mr Nelson hopes to stabilise her condition with electro-acupuncture, where a small electric pulse is sent through the needles and down the spine, stimulating the pinched nerves.

"I favour acupuncture for some ailments because there are no dangerous side-effects." Mr Nelson says.

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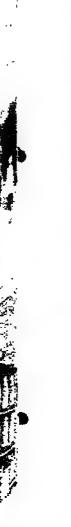
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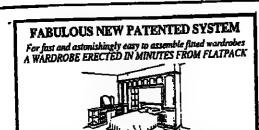
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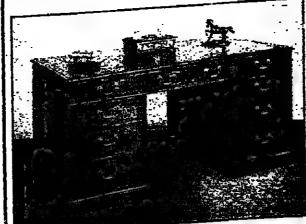
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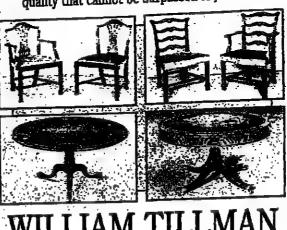
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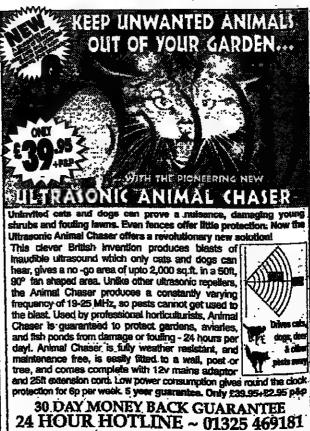
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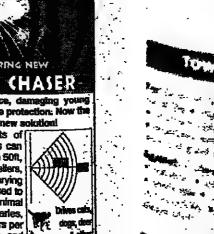
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But if anyone believes that roaming

free in Britain is likely to be a similar

experience, they are in for a bitter disappointment. In fact, my knapsack

has nestled at the back of the cupboard ever since Heathrow, and it will take

more than legislation to persuade me to

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freedom; the snipping of the fetters of trespass legislation. But for most of us. the idea of roaming is about as appealing as following in the footsteps of a

bedraggled stray dog.
Imagine that the right to roam could be bestowed upon you right now, exactly where would you go? From where I sit, in an intensively arable part of Britain, the thought of striding through, or even around, a miserable field of uniform, heartless winter wheat seems about as much fun as strolling the desert. There is nothing to see; the flora has been heaten into submission by years of chemical application, the fauna has gone to other havens, or to virtual extinction.

If you live near the forests or moors you might think that they would provide a better terrain to roam. Not necessarily. Commercial forests are bleak places. ancient woodland is bewildering, and the moors are downright dangerous unless you are a near-professional walker. I deliberately paint a gloomy picture to try

to roam" is no great thing to fight for, for ened few. What most of us want from a and the exercise, in an atmosphere free of restriction, while age to the environment we enjoy.

believe, would be to sort out the mess of footpaths that criss-cross the countryside: a tangle of tracks spreading like a rampant bramble bush, some of them leading nowhere, some impossible to find, and many of which have completely lost the purpose for which they were originally intended. These make for

DOWN TO EARTH



know that many local authorities have made great efforts to replace signposts and devise entertaining, circular routes, and have fought banles with reluctant farmers, but the policy has heen based on the maintenance of existing paths, and not on devising new ones. Some see our an-

cient footpath network as a national treasure to be preserved, but I do not. It is time for a clearout. Many of those I see are just so much lumber: signposts erected because some ancient, hallowed map shows that once upon a time people regularly walked this way. from long-demolished

order to satisfy those few who demand their "rights" irrespective of whether that particular right is worth having, these unused paths are maintained.

Landowners - those among them who see walkers as a plague of locusts - need not rub their hands with glee and assume that I am on their side. If they do. I must remind them how much public money subsidises their estates these days, and how they owe us some access in return. ere is a suggestion (and I am

open to any better); could we not I redraw the footpath map, starting from scratch, on a mile for mile basis? That way, we might end up with better paths, to more interesting places, without any loss to the walker and, possibly, with great benefit to all sides. Elected local committees, representing all interests, could agree the routes and, if necessary, impose them on landowners — and the scope for inven-

will take the determination of those who valiantly fought to create the Pennine Way and similar projects, but would it not be better than the present crazy system, which we cling to for no real reason other than that it was once scratched on vellum with a quill pen?

I would not be suggesting such an upheaval if there were no pressure on the countryside to support recreation; but there is. I see no indication that the numbers of "country users" is going to decline. Why shouldn't they walk footpaths which are chosen, maintained and signposted to offer some pleasure? Better that than a situation where the right to roam becomes misunderstood, and the hills and dales are littered with lost. bewildered souls trying to get some pleasure out of their new-found freedom. And ending up cut off by the motorway, or mired in an open-air piggery.

There is not enough countryside for us all to be able to roam wild and free. The Swiss, of course, understood this years ago and designed faultless footpaths. That is one of the reasons that their country is such a pleasure to walk. It is also why they sell more knapsacks.

Readers' letters are welcome on countryside matters of all kinds. Address them to: Paul Heiney, Weekend, The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. They are published on the first Saturday of the month.

## Moving to the country? Beware

Diana Appleyard looked forward

to living in deepest countryside, but the reality makes her heart sink

is enough," he said, and we began house-hunting in the

countryside around Stratford-

We ended up buying a barn

on the outskirts of the beauti-

ful small town of Alcester. This

seemed like real countryside.

We breathed in fresh, clean air

every morning. The children

could see cows from their

to a small village school which

had an old bell on top. We

shopped locally and bought

Barbours and green wellies,

which never got very dirty.

The children swam in

streams, caught tadpoles and

decided it was time to move

towards the Big Smoke. But Birmingham had put us off

sufficiently to make us look in

We found the old farmhouse

one November day. Its win-

dows were rotting, its heating was non-existent and cooking

was done on an old, rusting

range. But this was the coun-

try; and this was a real

farmhouse. The first night we

all slept in the same bed as the wind hawled down the corri-

dors and the windows rattled

But we were used to the country. We had the wellies to

prove it. Sadly our wellies were no match for the gallop-

ing mud. Putting on nice

clothes has become pointless

because (a) they would only get

dirty, and (b) there is nowhere

to go. Shopping has become a problem. I load up weekly at

Tesco in Buckingham, eight miles away. Inevitably, there are things I run out of 1'll pop

down to the local butchers, I

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Then my husband was of-

fished for minnows.

farmhouse in Oxfordshire is surrounded by fields and spinneys in which there are rabbits and foxes. My children play among the trees in the orchard and feed the horses at the bottom of the garden. Walking the does means only having to step out of the is driving me out of my mind. When London friends say "You're so lucky", I have to bite my lip. To distillusion them about their fantasy view of the country would be cruel.

It seems our decision to seek rural climes is a popular one. Between 1991 and 1995 more than 24,000 people migrated from town and city into 'mixed urban and rural" that is, the countryside and the . more rural suburbs.

Often this movement is precipitated by a change in circumstances, such as starting a family and not wanting children to grow up in smog. Certainly when Fifi Trixiebelle came along, Paula Yates and Bob Geldof (her parmer then) decided to flee the city and bought an old priory in rural Kent. At the time Yates said she wanted to give her child-ren an old-fashioned childhood, with lots of daisy-chain making and lying in fields of cow parsley.

The writer Susan Hill says she has never regretted leaving the admittedly genteel surroundings of Old Town in Stratford-upon-Avon for her cottage in rural Oxfordshire. Perhaps the most famous rural escapee is the writer Jilly Cooper, who forsook Putney in southwest London for the wilds of Gloucestershire.

s a family, we have lived pretty well ev-erywhere. We've been townies in the heart of Birmingham. We've lived in the semi-rural suburbs near Stratford-upon-Avon. Now we are festering in a sea of green, with nothing to see for miles but the odd tractor on the skyline. When once I could look out of the window on to people, cars and things happening, now I look out of the window on to mud. Acres and acres of it.

Our family life started in an area of Birmingham spoiled only by its proximity to Balsall Heath, most famous for its prostitutes. I was regularly propositioned by men leering out of Datsuns. My husband was mugged on his second day

here while out jogging.

Yet there were pluses to living in the city. There was a wonderful creche for my twoyear-old daughter. At her playgroup she had Asian, Vietnamese friends. She learnt

But after a year my husband in particular became fed up. Three times someone pried to



Diana and Ross Appleyard with their daughters: "Pleasure now is a walk with the dogs running ahead, finding pheasants"

ing so it's not worth opening at all; every Saturday from varying times, expressly designed confidently push down the door handle, every Monday. for no good reason at all.

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think. Wrong. If there's an "r" On the subject of driving, it Shops round here close evis a tough lesson in patience ery lunchtime at varying times and fortitude to sit behind a for well over an hour, and tractor doing ten miles an when children need picking hour for eight miles, while the up from school; every Wednesday, because it's half-day closhappily in the middle of the

road, unable to hear my horn because he has Radio I on full blast. All the roads here are covered in twin tracks of foothigh mud, which means swerving about dementedly.

My daughters attend a school eight miles from our house. Most of my day seems to be spent speeding backwards and forwards to it, unless, of course. I am behind 17-year-old lad driving it sits a tractor. Their friends live up to 15 miles away, and we seem to spend our life in the car. All our friends live hundreds of miles away, and we don't seem able to meet new ones, because there are few like-minded people in the vicinity. A visit to the pub is the pinnacle of our social life. Conversations about seed potatoes and crop rotation have become remark-

ably interesting.
If anyone talks to me in a shop. I have become pathetically grateful. A trip into

time. The other day someone left a bunch of fresh asparagus on the door step, because my husband had mentioned in the pub that we liked it. Nothing is too much trouble, and often payment is waved away with an embarrassed hand. You can buy things with no money - "Just drop it in later."

My children spend most of

Buckingham or Bicester has

become a big event. Our

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their time outside, making dens in the hay and digging in the mud. We rarely switch on the television; evenings are spent in the kitchen with a glass of wine, the dogs panting at our feet and the windows open on the night.

Real life seems a long, long way away and all would be well - if only I could find a shop that is open.

## Say goodbye to a melancholy clown

#### FEATHER REPORT

IF YOU WANT to see a puffin on your holiday, you will have to set out in the next two weeks. There are plenty to be found in Britain, but by early August they will be streaming away from their colonies to spend the winter out in the cold waters of the Atlantic.

Some of the best places to see them are in the Shetlands and on Orkney, and on St Kilda. There are also large numbers on the Farne Islands and the Isle of May, and in Wales on the islands of Skomer and Skokholm.

They nest in burrows on the cliff-tops, which they dig out with their beaks and sharp toenails, or in crevices on the side of cliffs. No bird is more unmistakeable. They are black above and white beneath, and they have extraordinary triangular beaks, which in summer are bright red at the front and blue at the back. They run over the clifftop grass, bending slightly forward, or stalk along more upright in what ornithologists call "the pelican position".

However, the breeding seaend. Puffins normally lay one egg, and many of their solitary offspring have already come out of their burrows in the middle of the night, and sailed down to the sea.

But some young birds are still in the nest, and their parents are flying in regularly with beakfuls of sand-eels to feed them. So if you go to a puffin colony just now, you will find a great many down on the water below the cliffs, and a few still busy on top.

If you get a good view of them, you can see their



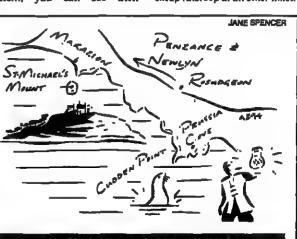
Puffins will leave soon

strangely sad or anxious faces - an effect I think of the crushed and distorted look of their eyes. Then they seem like melancholy clowns. By next month, their colour-

ful beak-plates will be falling off. Their winter beaks will be smaller, though still quite colourful — pale orange in front, and bluish-grey behind. By early August, they will all be swimming about on the water. Their final departure for the distant ocean is like an opera singer's farewell. One morning they are gone, and you think that is goodbye but the next day they are all back again. So it goes on day they have really gone and until next spring it is only sharp-eyed observers on seagoing ships who will see their stubby shapes over the water. or riding up and down dauntlessly on the crashing waves.

#### DERWENT MAY

● What's about: Birders — look out for a black-headed bunting at Lundy Island, Devon; a king eider at Leven, Fife. Twitchers - look out for a young black-headed guils and common terns. Details from Birdline, (89) 700222. Calls cost 40p a minute cheap rate. 50p at all other times.



#### ON THE SPOT : CORNWALL

#### Rural recommendations

The place: Cudden Point, south Cornish exast.

The view: I claim it as one of the finest in Britain. Before you the wide, wild sea. To the left, a huge sweep of dramatic cliffs, lush valleys and golden beaches to the Lizard peninsula in the distance. To the right, the broad arc of Marazion Bay, with St Michael's Mount as the jewel in its crown; beyond. Penzance, Newlyn and Mousehole.

The appeal: see above. Three generations of my family have taken the same summer holiday house near by for 20 years: it will probably not be long before there's a fourth to share the exhilarating climb up to Cudden Point.

Historical interest: every cove here speaks of Cornwall's maritime past. Below the cliffs to the east is Prussia Cove, named after a notorious local smuggler, the King of Prussia". The wreckers did their deadly work from these beaches. Just below Cudden Point a huge wooden spar has been driven into the cliff top; it came from the Warspite, which served in both world wars before losing her tow line in April 1947 while en route to a breaker's yard, and sinking off St Michael's Mount. Behind Cudden Point is an old look-out house, built as a First World War coastal protection station. Time to visit: any time, although the South Cornish Coastal Path can be a bit nose-to-tail in high summer. Try early spring, when the sea boils at the foot of the cliffs and the sheer cliff faces are carpeted with wild pink mesembryanthemums; or early autumn, when seals play in the coves.

How to get there: by train to Penzance or by car into Marazion (park near the beach), then strike out east along the coastal footpath (well marked); or by car to Rosudgeon village (on the main Penzance-Helston coast road), then walk down to Prussia Cove and head west.

OS reference: Sheet 203 (Land's End and The Lizard), 548275. Also near by: the local pubs are less than picturesque, so take your own picnic - the sea breeze (a quaint local name for howling gale) produces a ferocious hunger.

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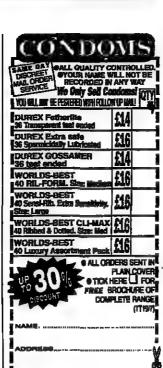
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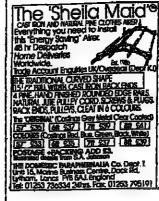
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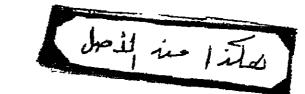
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## To go wherever the cargo goes

A container ship cruise? Let's hope you're a sea lover and don't have fixed holidays

oyaging by container ship is different. Start by accepting that the passengers take sec-place to the cargo. You be comfortably quartered well fed, but the ship's rules, must be obeyed and when the captain says "jump" it is as well to show signs of movement. Arrival and departure times are liable to change without warning, as will the scheduled ports of call. Allow for the unexpected is a cardinal rule of container travel.

I made my booking to Auckland with the help of a shipping agent and the ABC Shipping Guide, which details the shipping lines willing to take passengers. Those who do, usually stipulate an age limit of 70 to 80 — and even over-60s have to provide a doctor's certificate. Ships that carry fewer than ten passengers, which is most of them, do not have to have a doctor on board. And you need to be fairly fit to climb all the stairs. The cabins are about the highest part of the vessel and lifts, like stabilisers, are unnecessary hixuries.

My journey started one loggy Saturday morning on the dockside at Felixstowe. It was not hard to find the Contship Australia, a massive hulk that belies her name by flying the German flag. The reception on board was cursory, to say the least. I was not asked for ticket, passport or any of the other documents ! had so carefully assembled.

But don't be misled. The panerwork is essential and it is as well to check-out visa requirements for any of the אנו De דמסעו. בותוסק זו the Swiss couple who, lacking the necessary documents, had to stay on board for an entire round-the-world voyage.

Having established that I was at the right place at the right time, my steward, a smiling Filipino with gleaming white teeth, gathered my luggage and led me on the long climb to my quarters just below the bridge. My home for the next seven weeks was a spacious, well-furnished lounge with a separate bedroom and my own bathroom.

I made my way to the officers' mess for breakfast. expecting the engines to come to life signalling our departure for Le Havre. No such luck. When I came back for lunch. we were still tied up at Felixstowe and it was not until late in the afternoon that we eventually set sail. Then I was told of a change of plan. The first stop was not to be Le Havre: we were making for Hamburg, home port of the Contship Australia.



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While my first two weeks on board were lonely affairs. supper gave me the opportunity to meet the captain and his officers. It was all very informal. On a container ship no one judges you by your clothes. There is none of that keeping up with the Joneses you find on cruise liners. Trousers, a collection of T-shirts, a jumper or two, with shorts and sun tops for the tropics are the sartorial main-

stays. The choice of shoes is important. Rope soles are ideal. Trainers are fine in cool, wet climates but are unbearably hot in the Pacific or Indian Oceans. There are no shoos on board. Pills, potions and ointments have to be bought in advance. There is, however, a comfortable bar dispensing an unlimited supply of duty-free drinks.

Churning up the muddy waters of the Elbe, we were welcomed by Deutschland Uber Alles relayed by loudspeakers from the shore. Three more passengers joined us at Hamburg: a middleaged couple and a heavy-weight who, by his own admission, are enough for two.

Oh, no; not yet. At noon the next day we were in Rotterdam, Europe's largest contain-er port, with storage tanks and enormous derricks as far as the eye could see. Loading took longer than expected. We sailed the following day, bound for Dunkirk. But we did make it to Le Havre, one week after leaving Felixstowe.
The next leg of the journey

was the eight-day crossing to New York. To ride the ocean waves on a massive container ship, you need to love the sea in all its moods. No effort is made to keep the passengers occupied. There is a swimming pool, sauna and gym and for easy relaxation, a selection of videos, though these are chosen more for the crew than the passengers. You have the run of the ship, but learn quickly when to keep out of the way.

New York was a welcome change of environment. A taxi ordered by an obliging radio officer was waiting to take us on what turned out to be a snail's pace tour of the town. It was Columbus Day and the whole population seemed to be on the move. We made two more calls in the US - at Norfolk, Virginia, and Savannah, Georgia - before start-



ing on the longest non-stop leg of the journey through the Panama Canal and to Tahiti. Out came the shorts and deck chairs, and the swimming pool was filled with warm sea water. We saw the Bahamas, Cuba and Haiti as dots on the horizon. As we approached Cristo-

bal, the Atlantic entrance to the Panama Canal, the sea filled with ships of all sizes and nationalities, waiting for their turn to cross to the Pacific Ocean. Two powerful tugs shoved the Contship Australia into position for the first of the three huge locks, which were to raise us 250ft above sea level. By the time we reached the lock gates, the short equatorial dusk had turned to night and we crossed through the canal by moonlight.

#### FACTFILE

■ The author paid £4,000 for her journey. It was scheduled to take five weeks and ended as seven.

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Eight hours later we sailed into the steamy heat of the South Pacific where, after sunrise, it was too hot to sit on our balcony. After two days we sighted the jagged mountains of Tahiti. As it was sunset and too late for the pilot to tow us to our benth, it was not until the morning that we ned up in Papeere harbour. A minibus was waiting to take us on a tour of the island. A couple from Brazil who were travelling in the opposite direction regaled us with stories of the dreadful weather in New Zealand, my destination, which

was only three days away.

But there was to be a further delay. Instead of sailing in a southwesterly direction towards New Zealand, we were to head northeast to New Caledonia. The island was appropriately named. On our arrival my frustration ebbed away as we entered a narrow channel, flanked by mountain scenery reminiscent of the west coast of Scotland. The narrow channel widened into a limpid green lagoon, so shallow that even the swimming pool had to be emptied to lighten the ship.

There was more delay when a French ship jumped the queue and took our place at the quay. Our captain's ire, voiced resoundingly in three languages, forced the offending vessel to give way, only for us to see it get stuck fast at the harbour entrance. It had to wait for the incoming tide to lift it clear. And I did make it to Auckland. Eventually.

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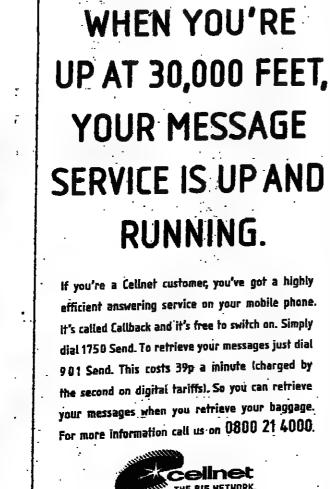
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Golf holidays: The rigours — and joys — of courses in Bermuda, the south of France and Tenerife...

# Game plan for playing away

the appetites of many golfers will have partners. been whetted by the prospect of emulating Woods and Montgomerie on their local courses. But in the middle of a wet and windy weekend many will hanker for golf that is far away from the crowds.

So, too, will the legions of fairweather and holiday golfers who do not belong to a club, and for whom the thought of

playing away also holds great appeal.
Golf holidays abroad are big business. from a hop across the Channel to a big budget blow-out in the Caribbean. An estimated 200,000 played away last year. not including those who pack in a round or two as part of a family holiday.

The stereotypical image is of middleaged, male-bonding groups descending on the Algarve or the Costa del Sol. But there is also a growing demand for learn-to-play holidays and hotels that

#### BERMUDA

WE KNEW we were on the right golf course when the barman at the pitstop at the 10th told us Clint Eastwood was on the next hole. Pulling up behind his buggy two holes later, we watched a perfect pitch thud into the heart of the green. It would have made my day but if it made Clint's, he wasn't sharing.

Bermuda's Mid Ocean club has a history of

distinguished visitors. Eisenhower and Churchill met here in the late 1940s, though for discussion rather than competition as the British leader was no golfer. It cultivates an air of exclusivity, especially in the opulent clubhouse, a first cousin to Mayfair's clubland in that it has 20 bedrooms reserved for members and friends. Happily, the haughtiness is deceptive, as we discovered when we returned to play later in the week. Here, as in most Bermuda clubs, the dress code is relaxed to a point that would cause apoplexy in mid-Surrey.

With six par 4s over 400 yards and a 238 yard par 3, Mid Ocean was never going to be easy. Then came a true signature hole, the dogleg 5th with a raised tee overlooking an arm of the sea and a narrow landing zone. When my companion found the fairway after drowning a dozen attempts, the air was as blue as the ocean.

I did not have to wait long for my own Waterioo at the 7th, where failure to land accurately on a thin strip of grass between duckponds leads to equal frustration. At the 8th there is a lake to cross and so it goes on, a tough course with sea views that are as distracting as the hazards. By the time we sank into the deep leather seats in the clubhouse, no barman could make a Dark and Stormy cocktail strong enough to assuage our pain.

Bermuda is the ultimate mid-Atlantic experience, an isolated fish hook of an island ringed on three sides by coral reefs and wrecked ships. It has the highest concentration of golf courses in the world. There are eight in all (a ninth is on the way). five of them over 5,500 yards, and the complex geography ensures a variety of challenges, with the nerve to hit over long stretches of water often at a premium.

My base was the Lantana Colony Club, run for about 30 years by Paul Leseur and his family. The accommodation is in luxury cottages on the water's edge, with fine dining in airy public rooms set higher up on the hillside. When I asked how I could get round the island. Mr Leseur suggested I hire a scooter. With golf

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Thomson Holidays is among the mainstream operators which now features golf as an option in its summer brochures. The weekend break market to Ireland and France is also swinging upwards, with golfers combining a round with an evening out in Dublin or Le Touquet.

The main golfing holiday destinations are Portugal, Spain, France, Ireland and the USA, which account for 95 per cent of sales. But other heavyweight contenders now include Dubai and Thailand, both of which have invested heavily in golf in order to broaden their tourism appeal. Tunisia and Morocco cater well for beginners, with cheap golf on good courses that cost half the amount you would expect to pay across the Mediterranean in Portugal and Spain.



Cottages at the Lantana Colony Club

clubs? He looked horrified, but that is what I did, travelling with my bag securely hooked on to the wire basket at the back. I warmed up for Mid Ocean on some of the

other courses, starting with the Southampton Princess, a hilly 18-hole executive par 3 attached to a strawberry pink hotel. In theory, an executive par 3 gives you 18 chances to hit a hole in one, all failures in my case. An enterprising local was selling "experienced" golf balls -three dozen for \$15: a rare Bermuda bargain.

Port Royal, the venue for the Bermuda Open, both more relaxed and more challenging. Playing it on the afternoon when Hurricane Lili finally cleared the island also proved that it is remarkably well drained. Designed by Robert Trent Jones, it is ingeniously contoured into impressive coral cliffs.

His 176-yard signature par three at the 16th positively begs a long hitter to strike out over the green into the ocean. Once again, the air turned blue as balls pinged off rocks.

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● Harlequin Worldwide Travel (01708 35.2780) offers half-board at Lantana from £1,760 for a week including four rounds at Port Royal. Longshot Golf (017.30 268621) also has a Bermuda brochure. ● The author travelled with Bermuda Tourism



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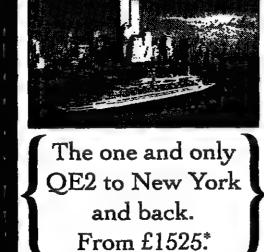
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## A nice bit of rough

### TENERIFE

AS WE walked towards the 18th green, my playing part-ner's thoughts drifted from our game to our surround-This will be really nice when it's finished." He was referring to the unkempt, rock-strewn rough that bor-dered, and rather spoilt, the well manicured fairways of the Amarilla Golf and Coun-Club. He could equally have been musing about the southern half of Tenerife.

The sprawling resort of Playa de las Americas and the slightly more upmarket Los Cristianos are expanding with loud, garish, neon-lit bars and clubs. A relaxing game of golf would appear the ideal antidote - which brings me back to the Amarilia.

The volcanic structure of the island means building and maintaining courses here is no mean feat. Bermuda grass has to be imported, while bunker sand is black, gravel-like grit indigenous to the island.

During my visit, the fairways were lined by rubble as the owners sought to redesign some holes and add new ones. But the fairways and greens are superbly tended.

It is part links and part parkland, fairly hilly, offering wonderful scenery and spectacular sea views. Many holes



Golf del Sur, Tenerife, where courses are well maintained

run along or towards the seafront and the short 5th insists you make a daunting tee shot over a rocky inlet White speckles in the sand below show many golfers failed to rise to the challenge.

To escape the south or for a more peaceful holiday, head north where the climate is cooler and less arid. Puerto de la Cruz is more upmarket and caters for an older clientele, reflected at the Real Club de Golf de Tenerife, about 15 miles away. Founded in 1931, the influence of 19th-century British traders is seen in the cosy and relaxed atmosphere

of the plush clubhouse. The 6,291-yard, par 71 course nesties among laurels, pine trees and eucalyptus. Hiking boots seemed more appropriate for some of the more torruous climbs, but the real physical and mental challenge came from trying to conquer the testing par threes.

Longshor Golf Holidage (07730 268621]. Prices for Tenerife from £365 for seven nights half-board, flights, car hire and golf.

CLIVE PETTY The author travelled with

## Don't drive into the Med

WALKING from 10th green to 11th tee at Golf de Maxime up a steep, windy and seemingly never-ending path is an act of folly certain to be punished by heaving chest and scrambled senses. Far better to use a buggy or the thoughtfully installed funiculaire the glorious sight

Whether the body has been all but broken by the twisting and testing par-71 course, or the round has long since degenerated amid the fiend-ishly placed water and suristily placed water and sur-rounding cork oak, nothing can detract from the view. The mountains of Maures lurk behind, Ste Maxime sits ele-gantly below, St Tropez shimmers in the distance.

From the 16th, too, the duffed drives and missed putts pale into insignificance. Peer down on the village of Agay and the town of St Raphael: gaze out over the deep blue Mediterranean. Golf on the Côte d'Azur can be



The view from the 16th means you forget the duffed drives and

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handicapper or single-figure expert. Executive clients can arrive in style by helicopter, temporarily shattering the alienveloping tranquillity. Grasse Country Club, along

the coast to Cannes and then inland, is similarly situated, this time about 600 metres high and carved into a moun-tainside that also houses, on its summit, the local prison. Yet while the Japanese-owned and French-designed estate undoubtedly captures the imagination and is pleasing on the eye, it is for the

experienced golfer only. Royal Mougins Golf Club back towards the Riviera, is of gentler persuasion. The pretty par-71 meanders through a valley of lakes, mini-waterfalls and streams. It may reck of exclusivity, with the overlooking apartments costing up to £215,000, but the course is inviting and in no way invincible. Holes called "Amphitheatre", "Umbrella Pine" and "Angel's Dive" provide thought-provoking obstacles for amateur and professional alike.

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For a Riviera fact file and information on golfing in France, call France Information on 0891 244123 (calls charged 50p/ mini. Green fees: Golf de Ste Marine, £25; Grasse Country Club. EZ3: Royal Mougins Golf Club. E33.



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SLIDING off for five hours to play golf is not always popular with your partner. But it is easier in Barbados as the perfect climate, farmed by baimy trade winds, is the biggest attraction for nongolfers, too. The water sports, deep-sea fishing and idyllic beaches are not far behind,

Inevitably, the holiday is beach-based which, while enjoyable, is not enough for addicted golfers. So, each day off, we went to the oasis of the golf course. Designed by Rob-ert Trent Jones Jr. the Royal Westmoreland is reminiscent of the best of British heathland courses with a touch of American trickery, complicated fur-ther by the ever-present

For a change of scenery and an equally difficult challenge, play at the older Sandy Lane Hotel par 72 course. At present it is undergoing an expensive facelift to compete with its

## Paradise — but at a price



Royal Westmoreland has a touch of American trickery

newer rival, yet it is certainly not easy for the once a week hacker.

your nose and knees and do not play against the legendary Gary Sobers. With a bad hip Among the dos and don'ts of golf in Barbados: do put enough sun block on to protect and wonky eye off a generous handicap of 8, he played the back nine against me in four



Lining up on the green in Barbados for the winning shot

under par. As he took the money, he assured me: "I can't putt. If I could, I might have

made a good golfer. In a more profitable encoun-

love with his job that he could not resist a lyrical hole-by-hole description. The Royal Westmoreland occupies the site of a 480-acre sugar plantation

three-quarters of a mile above the Atlantic, and Trent Jones Jr has used the sandy slopes, coral cliffs and rocky ravines to great effect.

"I've tried to listen to the land and tailored the golf course to nature, rather than create something artificial." he said. "By using the existing features I've aimed to give players the idea of channelling

their ball into the greens." However, there is one small drawback: Barbados is not cheap in season from December to March. Despite the strain on one's credit cards. I comforted myself with the thought that any taste of paradise always has a price.

#### NICHOLAS LLOYD

• The Royal Westmoreland n<sup>30</sup>1 346 422 4653) has seven-night rentals from £1.795 for a two bedroom villa Flights and transfers not included.

● Caribbean Connection (01244 341131) has seven nights in the Royal Pavilson Hotel including British Airways flights from £125



## Friends are par for the course

t Daytona Beach, 50 miles northeast of Orlando in Florida, free golf is on offer. Hotel tariffs are at an off-season low rate, about £40 a room. The rub is that the offer applies until late September when temperatures climb. But 90F is the peak, the courses are at their best and airconditioning is standard in the hotels. which overlook the beach. For information, call 0171-935 7756.

OF SIMILAR style is Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, arguably the

world's golf capital with 100 courses, most close to a wide choice of hotels overlooking the beach where après golf delights sate a dedicated hedonist and, because of keen competition, good value is standard. British Airways Golf Holidays (01293 723131) from £699 per person.

☐ THE CHOICE for golfing couples is growing, proving romance and golf are compatible. Stylish hotels are the key and two in Vermont fit the bill. The Equinox Hotel at Manchester and The Inn at Woodstock

#### INTERNATIONAL

are renowned and each has a course ranked among Vermont's best. For information, call Vermont Tourism 1001 802 828 3237).

☐ FOR A short break off the beaten track, golfing groups would enjoy Dublin and Jerez. An incongruous mix, but the golf is of comparable quality, though Dublin has more of it. From Grafton Street you could reach 50 courses within the hour.

CIE Tours (0490 143910) has a golfing brochure to Ireland with prices from £154 for two nights B&B and golf.

☐ JEREZ has one course but, like the hotel which overlooks it, Montecastillo is among Spain's finest. Situated off the beaten track about an hour north of Gibraltar, the Jack Nicklaus-designed course will stage the Volvo Masters for the first time in

KB Golf (01254 235608) has prices for January from £315 per person for three nights, sharing a twin, including flights ARGUABLY the finest hotel in Majorca, Read's Hotel is near the Santa Maria, 15 minutes north of Palma and convenient for a necklace of courses ringing the capital. The building is an old farmhouse set in acres of gardens with 15 double rooms and six suites.

Read's Hotel (003471140261) from £100 double B&B. Golf can be arranged; green

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## Tee off for the mountains

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IT WAS Swiizerland that began Alpine golf when the European leisured classes created a course near the ski resort of St Moritz in 1893. Now the country has 54 golf courses, 16 of them dating from before the Second World War. The courses exploited the beauty of the mountain scenery though, for ease of construction, they were built on

be found - on the plateau at Crans Montana and in the valley at Davos, for instance. Austria's first course was built in Vienna in 1901 but most of its mountain courses, with the exception of Dellach which dates back to 1927, Kitzbühel's Schloss Kaps

(1955), Moosburg (1960) and Seefeld (1968), have come in a burst of more than 60 new courses in the past 20 years. Building a golf course on a

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Natural hazard: Alpine cow enjoys the golf at Innsbruck

mountain is risky for the developer. Construction is expensive, the season is short (starting soon after the snows melt in April and only lasting until October) and green fees are limited by what the tourist will pay - somewhere in the region of £20 to £35.

However, ski resorts, rich in money from the winter, will often take the gamble to attract the illusive summer visitors to fill their empty hotel beds. For the golfer, hotel prices are at low season rates and villages that bustle in the winter are natural and uncrowded. Above 1.000 metres the heavy muggy summer air of the valleys becomes fresh and, when the sky is blue, the

wind light, the views stunning

and the greens fast, there is nowhere better for golf. The quality of courses var-

ies. Some are designed not to frustrate the high handicap golfer too much - like the three at Kitzbühel in the Austrian Tyrol or Davos in Switzerland. Others are championship courses such as Zell am See, in Salzburgerland, and Crans Montana where the European Masters is played. Many simply present the golfer with a delightful switchback up and down the sort of sweeping contours that course architects would die for.

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## Volcanic islands: Apart from their many other pleasures, Hawaii and Iceland enthral with fiery displays

## Fun with fire and brimstone

t seemed like madness to walk down into the crater of Kilauea Iki, one of the many active volcanoes on the turbulent Big Island of Hawaii, especially when I knew that a few hours away from its wet, sinister mountains the sun was shining and tourists frolicking in lagoons full of brightly coloured fish.

But the slopes of these smouldering giants are draped reassuringly in native rainforest, whose birdsong and trilling of crickets lured me into the pit and on to the crater floor.

It is an intimidating sight a blackened wasteland, with steam pouring from sulphurlipped fissures. Underfoot the crust feels brittle and ready to crack. Thick slabs of rock are piled one upon the other as if punched up from below. When I stood still, heat seared the soles of my shoes. Steam and mist thickened around me, hiding the path.

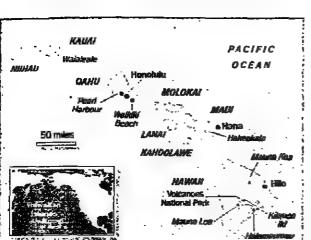
The crater seemed alive with menace. Yet I reached the safety of the other side with something like disappointment - so I turned around and did it all again.

The Volcanoes National Park provides a fascinating break from the more usual pleasures of Hawaii's beaches. Four thousand feet above sea level, it contains the largest active volcano on earth, Mauna Loa, and its innumerable offspring, including the twomile wide Kilauea caldera. Halemaumau and Kilauea lki, comparatively a pipsqueak, but still huge.

Mauna Loa stands nearly 14.000ft above the sea and has a surface area that occupies more than half of the Big Island, or Hawaii to give it its proper name. For 150 years it has routinely brought death and destruction to towns and farmlands. Earthquakes shake its snow-covered summit and, since 1983, a vent in Kilauea has been pumping lava seven miles to the sea, creating more island.

eaching the top of Mauna Loa takes a two-day tramp and climbers need to be prepared for the worst condiions. (Another behemoth, the 10.000ft Haleakala, or the House of the Sun, on the island of Maui, is much more accessible. Parties of cyclists are driven to its summit for a possible to camp overnight in its crater and have a clear view of the firmament and, a local hippie told me, the UFOs.)

spent several hours crossing the main Kilauea caldera which, despite its expanse, is thick with pungent furnes. The path took me over hardened magma to Halemaumau (also reachable from the Rim road). a deep crater within the caldera. Staring into its smoking. sulphurous maw i could not



around the cliffs above a

gorgeous, battered, shoreline.

cry from the holiday post-

cards, but the beach burn need

not despair: most of Hawaii is

drenched in nothing but sun-

shine. Besides, the rain brings

plenty to be grateful for. The

Íslands are cloaked in verdan-

cy. either as pasture, planta-

tion or, more pleasingly, forest. Native trees, ferns and

shrubs grow with primeval luxuriance, illuminated by

burst of colour from orchids,

anthuricums, hibiscus, and a

stalls.

highway on the Big Island

through a tropical forest thick

with giant bamboo brought

me to a cataract dropping

hundreds of feet into the mist.

tourists seen running to follow

their tour leader's commands

- and most other visitors to

Hawaii -- miss such out-of-the

way treats. The majority do

This island, with 80 per cent

of the population, is Hawaii's

engine room, powered by the

not leave Oahu.

The regiments of Japanese

thousand other

flowering plants.

Guava, pineapple, bananas and other

fruit grow abun-

dantly, sometimes

lying by the road

and on trails, and

coconuts, mangoes

and papaya cost

little at roadside

The rain also feeds waterfalls. A

20-minute mean-

der off the main

All this precipitation is a far

resist thinking in fire and brimstone cliches; it is truly hellish. Upon its blasted rim were several floral garlands. thrown there to placate the goddess Pele, who is believed

Such is the enchantment of the volcanoes that I found myself later that day, legs aching, having hiked caldera, lava and devastation trails, almost running in order to reach the summit of an ancient cinder cone, peer into it and get back to the road before nightfall marooned me in a

pitch black waste-and. These laval 'The heat deserts are eerle and at night the park is desolate from the and freezing. The nearby vilground

soles of

lage of Volcano closes early and seared the has a gloomy air. but in my B&B, an old missionary house. I was treatmy shoes' ed like family and the village's Kilauea Lodge provided

me with the best meal I have eaten in an American state. Until recently the park's lava flow was the red-hot night-time attraction - a viscous river of fire that could be watched from close range. In February the flow stopped, why or for how long nobody knows. I consoled myself with a long soak in thermally heated ponds and gaped at the

It is wet in the volcanoes park - the nearest city of Hilo boasts the biggest raindrops on parts of Kauai, the Garden Island, northernmost in the Hawaii chain and home to a small-scale Grand Canyon and fluted mountains of a preternatural steepness. In said to be the wettest spot on earth. (These crumbs of land demand superlatives. Another is that they are the most geographically isolated place

from any land mass.) And on Maui, mecca for windsurfers, alternative lifestylers and rich golfers, a downpour hit with such ferocity that I thought it would wash my car off the narrow Hana "highway" that winds

in the world - 2.500 miles

much maligned beachstrip of Waikiki, a hotel jungle that hums with air-conditioning and honeymooners. Its urban humidity is made heavier by swooning guitars, fast food and duty-free perfume.

But for a holiday of surrbathing and shopping, Waikiki is an ideal destination. Prices are reasonable, it is safe, and everything is on tap, including not-so-cheap thrills such as paragliding, submarine trips and boat rides. Palms beckon lazily and there is excellent snorkelling and diving. Good surfing is possible at Waikiki

too — for the good surfer. For this neophyte, boogie boarding offered enough excitement, and more than enough scrapes with the coral reef. I also followed the lifesayer's advice on a beach at the surfing Elysium of the North Shore and stayed out of the bone-crunching waves.

Despite its cars and con-sumerism, Oahu is friendly and relaxed, but the truly easygoing islands of Kausi, Lansi, Molokai and Maui are only a plane hop away. Each has its own character but all cater to a diversity of holiday styles. (There are 132 islands in all and a new one is on its way: Loihi, at present 3,000ft below the surface of the Pacific, is being thrust up from the hot spot that created the other islands and in a mere 10,000 years will join the chain.)

olcanoes and ocean are the forces that created Hawaii and it was the Pacific that provided the other great unexpected pleasure of my week's stay: whale watching. Humpback whales calve

and nurse their young in Hawaii's waters from late November to May. On Maui, Kauai and Oahu, whenever I joined the throng of people gazing out to sea, I saw signs of life. Witnessing 40 tons of blubber erupt from the sea, rotate for a look around and crash backwards into the water will stir the blood of the most blase tourist.

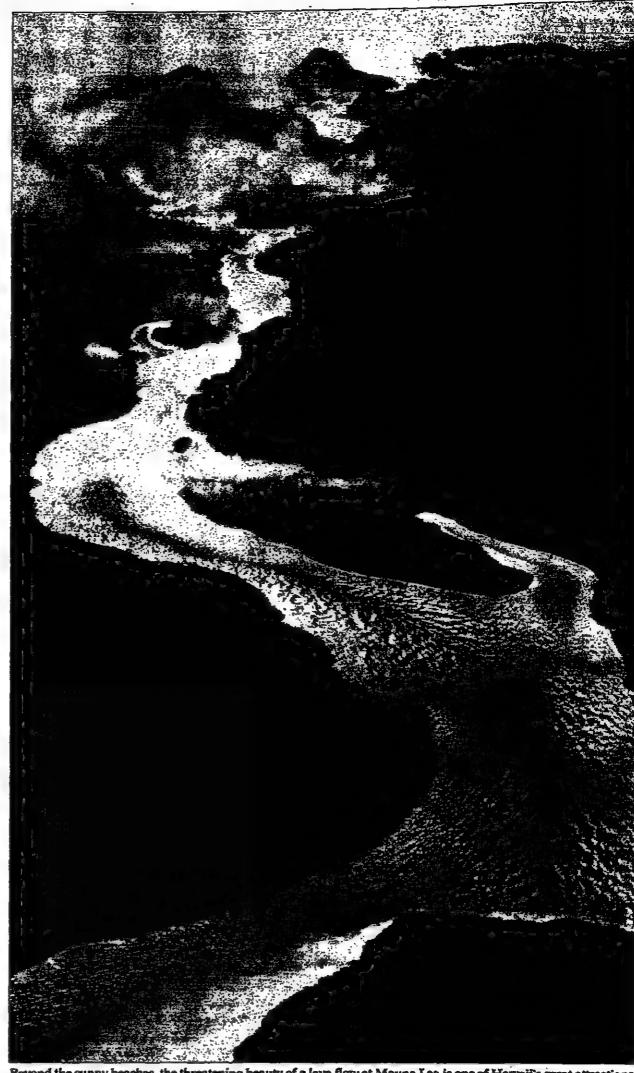
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## Grog on the road to Hell

cubes looked like rather A dull processed cheese. Nothing had prepared our British palates for the lociandic delicacy of rotten shark.

A preliminary, disagreeable mouthful left our taste buds jangling. Too late we discovered that the vital part of the feast was a fiery leelandic liquor called Brennevin, which we should have downed to take the taste away.

It never became clear why

lcelanders choose to torture themselves with cubes of shark meat which have been buried in the ground for months to rot. On the other hand, Brennevin had useful warming qualities, which we tested to the full as we stood on the deck of a fishing boat braced against an icy wind.

Unfortunately, the whales which were the object of our boat trip apparently only break surface when it is calm and sunny. To miss such giants of the deep was frustrating, though we had been warned it was early in the season. However, we were soon distracted by being given fishing rods and instruction. In five minutes, several of our party had caught fish large enough for a good supper.

Whales are an important part of north lecland's wildlife. This, and the lunar landscape

PRAGUE



Hot springs at Hveravellir

of volcanic rock, waterfalls, steaming sulphuric earth and belching hot mud pools are the

Lake Myvam lies on the western edge of a huge volca-nic zone which bisects northeast Iceland. The lake is overshadowed by a 2,500-yearold black crater neatly striped with snow, but the earth is still seething with energy.

Half way around Myvatn, gives way to a field of rocks hissing sulphur-smelling steam and boiling mud pools. Volcanoes still erupt. But our attempts to reach a crater called Hell were foiled by bad

Thick snow proved too much even for a four-wheel drive vehicle. The more intrepid among us set out to walk the rest of the way to Hell another opportunity to test the warming qualities of the li-quor bottle.

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Wales: White-robed druids prepare for the Bala eisteddfod and, in the south, white cows graze on history

## New tune for land of song

ales is fashionable. After years of "Boyo" jokes and chapelgoing caricature, the national press has discovered the Taffia – clever; sexy and Welsh – in the person of Flion Jenkins, the fiancée of William Hague, the leader of the Conservative Party. Who would have expected to see the word crachach (elite or posh) in

English newsprint?

The timing is excellent the curious can visit the Royal National Eisteddfod next month and experience Welsh culture (amid some of the most speciacular scenery in Britain) first-hand. This year, It being the turn of North Wales, the

Meanwhile, the people of Bala have taken up knitting. This an-cient town, on the edge of Lake Bala in the Snowdonia National Park, is usually associated with more energetic activities such as hill-walking, rock-climbing, rafting, wind-surf-ing canoeing and abseiling. So why the outbreak of garter stitch? The answer is that the people of Bala have chosen wool as a theme for the local contribution to the festivities.

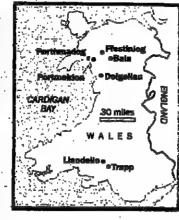
If needles no longer click in the cottages to produce tons of socks as they did 150 years ago, sheep still have a significant presence in the magnificent, alternately lush and rugged, mountainous landscape. An enormous "scarf" has been sewn into a strip long enough to encircle Llyn Tegid (as Lake Bala is known in Welsh), all 11 miles of it. A lake, incidentally, which contains a unique fish, the gwyniad, a survi-

vor of the Ice Age. Bala is centrally placed for a tour of the sights of Snowdonia even if you don't want to spend more than a day on the eisteddfod maes, or field. But, whether you speak Welsh or not, this is an arts festival like no other. The central pavilion holds an audience of about 3,500 for concerts, singing and dancing competitions and the main ceremonies — the crowning and chairing of winning poets and the presentation of the prose medal, before the assembled company of robed Weish bards, the "Gorsedd".

Performing is important, but writing, especially poetry, is treated with ritual, almost religious, solemnity. "A oes heddwch?" shouts the archdruid to the four corners of the earth ("Is there peace?" intones your translator through the ear-



Welsh druids in solemn ceremony at the centuries-old eisteddfod



phones). In the Middle Ages, a bard could win a place at his lord's table, hence the prize chair. This year's has been fashioned out of oak and sports dragons' claws.

Although the first recorded eisteddfod was held in the 12th century, the modern version is a 19th-century invention, complete with a horn of plenty, flowing robes (cloth of gold for the archdruid) and small girls doing a flower dance in the main ceremonies. In recent years, sports events, art exhibitions, a rock tent and stalls selling everything from Welsh honey to Celtic jewellery have caused the temporary township to spread. Soon, 27 acres just outside Bala will resemble an arty Bedouin encamp-ment, echoing to folk tunes, bardic poetry and Welsh pop.

Bronze Age and Roman remains have been found on the spot, suggesting that this is not the first

#### **BALA** FACT FILE

Royal National Elsteddfod, Bala, Aug 2-9 (01678 521477). Maes-y-Neuadd Hotel, Talsarnau (01766 780200): double room, breakfast and dinner from £162 per night.

E Guest houses by Lake Bala: Abercelyn (01678 521109), 15th-century rectory overlooking lake, B&B 118.50-£24.50, Plac Gower (01678 520431), B&B £17.50-£18.50. In Bala town: Plas Coch (01678 520309). B&B £20-£30. Praian (01678 520059), B&B under £15.

time the meadows have been churned up in the cause of ritual. Travelling by road from London or South Wales, you arrive at Bala via the pretty route across central Wales - eventually. If you go by train, you may discover that Turkey would have been a quicker

option. But persevere, it's worth it.

nce there, you can be as active or lazy as you choose. Bala is a renowned watersports centre and Snowdonia offers some ferociously challenging peaks - Snowdon itself and Cader Idris.

You can enjoy the mountains without donning a serious boot, however. Footpaths are clearly marked throughout the national park and the restored steam rail-way between slate-grey, damply gleaming Blaenau Frestiniog and the seaside at Porthmadog at the crook of the Lleyn Peninsula. takes Steam enthusiasts tell you everyyou painlessly above the tree-tops. an hour each way. know about trains.

Every Saturday evening during the summer, the clattering journey becomes a gourmet experience known as "Steam and Cuisine". There are no kitchens aboard, but canapés (including salty, papery fried spinach) and a cold first course (smoked trout mousse with toasted brioche in our case) are served on departure from Porthmadog. Half an hour later, a speeding chef from Maes-y-Neuadd Hotel, Talsamau, near Harlech, delivers a hot main course (we had baked lamb, mushroom and walnut pie) at a hait. Time to "stretch legs" is allowed at Blaenau Ffestiniog (there are no lavatories aboard) and, in the interim, a delicious cold pudding magically appears, followed by coffee as the

train descends again to the coast.

thing you didn't know you didn't

Around beautiful Lake Bala, in the Snowdonia National Park, visitors can go hill-walking, rock-climbing, rafting, wind-surfing and canoeing

It is as slick an organisational feat as you would expect of Maes-y-Neuadd. The chef there has an international reputation, but the hotel retains the characteristics of a Welsh farmhouse. There is a prevailing scent of wood fires and comforting baking.

Food and culture-crammed and stiff from sport, you might like to visit the gold mine at Dolgellau. There are no free samples and the workings are wet and icy (water is introduced to prevent the stonedust disease silicosis in the five remaining miners) but outside is a fairy-tale landscape of waterfalls, rhododendrons, mountain streams and leafy hillsides. No sign remains of the 19th-century gold rush to the wild British west. However. slate is a more significant feature of

the landscape these days. At bell tower, and identify the flowers Llechwedd, you can descend on a featured in the famous Portmeirion hair-raisingly steep railway to tour pottery (on sale at a price). lumiere caverns to learn about The cult television programme The Prisoner was filmed here, but Victorian slate extraction. But the stuff is all over the place, above the atmosphere is benignly eccenground too — sheets lean together tric rather than menacing. You can

architecture set above a glorious

swath of sand, and its gardens and

woods full of rare blooms, this is a

splendid place to while away an

afternoon. Climb narrow stair-

ways, visit the art gallery and the

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into a makeshift pig sty and sharp rent one of the cottages or stay at shards decorate cottage walls. Slate the beachside hotel, which must be roofs are a planning requirement fun, if you don't mind the tramp of throughout Snowdonia. a thousand tourist sandals on the cobbles outside your door. here is nothing greyer than I prefer to get away from it all Welsh slate glistening in and ride on the hills watching the Welsh rain. In contrast. vistas slowly changing to the gentle the fantasy village of clop of hoof on track. To be honest. Portmeirion on the coast near my pony bolted, head up, tail Porthmadog is a sweetbox full of flying, at 90mph. One vista after fondant colours. With its Italianate another. I should have soothed it by

> I am sure that's what Flion would have done.

HEATHER NEILL

the Welsh national

## Why the bull is king of the castle

The milk-white cattle of Dinefwr appeared as timeless as the soft rain that refreshed the River Tywi as it snaked its way to Carmarthen. The cows that graze the Dinefwr estate are believed to be descended from the same beasts that trudged across Europe with the first wave of migrating Celts. On wet days, visitors can admire these extraordinary animals through the great window of the cafe of the estate's recently restored Newton House, Welsh lore, white cows and cream of carrot soup go well together.

A few miles away, above the hamlet of Trapp, Carreg Cennen Castle glowered through the drizzle that swirled round its sheer 300fthigh granite crag. Appearing then disappearing by turn, the great stone mass assumed all manner of spectral shapes. "Welsh castle ruins look their best on days like these," said Bernard Llewellyn, a farmer and broadcaster who owns the prized monument with his wife, Margaret

Carreg Cennen and Dine-fwr Park, which is owned by the National Trust, are short drives from Llandello, a market town that stands high above the Tywi. Its narrow. streets and Georgian shop fronts will see out the 20th

century unscathed and untainted. Even Fanny's Restaurant and tearoom in King Street is pledged to uphold its fine tradition of puddings and desserts. For travellers who hanker after continuity, it is here in abundance near the end of the M4.

In Dinefwr's magnificent Capability Brown landscapes. hundreds of old anthills survive as stately homes of the insect world. From larger, man-made knolls, Brown's handsome beeches punch the Dyfed sky. Most of the trees are between 100 and 250 years old. Dinefwr's caks grow to 300 years or more. Such venerable trees were held in reverence by the Welsh druids,

as were the white cattle. White Park cattle, as they became known, assumed such national importance that Winston Churchill had cows and bulls shipped to Texas with the aim of safeguarding the stock for all time. The American herd is now among the 400 White Parks that survive worldwide, says Brian Hancock, the warden at Dinefwr. During the war, the family of Lord Dynevor are said to have considered it expedient to paint the cattle green to try to

camouflage them." White Parks have grazed their way through some im-



portant episodes of Welsh history. For example, the great House mansion in 1660.

It was Dinefwr's gorgeous



Newton House, Dinefwr Park, and Albion the bull

prince Rhys Ap Gruffydd, an ancestor of Henry Tudor and sponsor of the first recorded eisteddfod in 1176, established his base in the "forest land of Tywi" in 1197. Dinefwr Castle, the ruins of which dominate the wooded bluff across the Tywi, was henceforth held to be the seat of the Kingdom of Deheubarth. The dynasty retained power until 1532 when one of its number was executed for allegedly plotting against Henry VII. Rehabilitated under the Swarts, the family built the Newton

rolling landscapes that won the acclaim of artists and

writers. "It is a complete round of woods, shrubberies, hills, dales and sweeps," wrote a commentator in 1794. With more than 3,100 trees and shrubs, the park is now a Site

of Special Scientific Interest. uccessive barons remodelled the house, but not with the same universal approval. The addition of four turrets proved particularly contentious. A visiting vicar in 1803 thought the house "...a great disgrace to the scenery that surrounds it". As if driven by the sins of his fathers, the 4th Baron outrageously reworked the property into its present Gothic style.

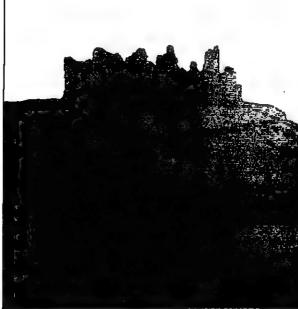
In the 1970s, death duties forced the sale of what was the

greatest of the South Wales estates. With the dispersal of the White Park herd, local people mourned the loss of 1.000 years of history. Thankfully, the exile was short-lived. The National Trust acquired the estate, including the 100acre deer park, in 1986 and bought the dilapidated Newton House in 1990. Two years later came the return of three calf-bearing white cows. "It gave the estate a living feel again," Mr Hancock says.

At Carreg Cennen, Bernard and Margaret Llewellyn also maintain a herd of White Parks. Here they graze a 200acre farmstead with a range of other rare cattle and sheep. Through the drizzle, an invisible flock of Soav sheep called from the castle slopes like restless Iron Age spirits. The splendid 60-mile views

of the Black Mountains and beyond could only be imagined. "It really must have been a wonderful place for a hill fort because you can see so much around it." Mr Llewellyn says. But it was also a stupid place to have a medieval castle. because there was nothing here to defend.

The castle did become involved in Owain Glendwr's fight for Welsh independence in the early 15th century when its walls were "... thrown



Carreg Cennan Castle, near Llandeilo. Dyfed

down by rebels". At the end of the Wars of the Roses, 500 labourers were hired to smash the formess to pieces. Carreg Cennen has remained one of the principality's best-loved ruins ever since.

The former cave dwelling that runs for 60 metres beneath the castle retains an equally magic hold. The story goes that inside its walls the Welsh warrior Owain of the Red Hand lies waiting to rise against the English.

At Dinefwr, Albion the bull is already doing his patriotic duty. Two white calves arrived during April, with three more expected. Even on this bleak morning, the young animals gleamed like guardsmen's blanco. The mothers simply contented themselves against

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(a) Feelings of frustration turned inward and expressed by aggression directed against the self. A psychological term. From the Greek nemesis. "The psychoanalyst might appropriately call the turning of aggression upon the individual's own self nemesism from the name of the Greek goddess of vengeance. Nemesism could then be thought of as the counterpart of narcism."

(b) The first step in a Japanese arranged marriage whereby the prospective partners meet briefly in company with their families to decide if they are mutually acceptable. From the Japanese mi seeing + ai mutually. "I have a young friend who was married several months ago, who saw his wife for the first time at the miai several weeks before the wedding.

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## Mangrove swamp magic

-THE WRITER Marjory Stoneman Douglas described the Everglades as "a river of grass" in her long campaign to save the million and a half acres of untouched but fragile mangrove swamp and primeval wilderness. Now a "River of Grass" tour, which

explores this unique ecosystem, is among the 40 different tours organised for next year by the Field Studies Council (01743 850522), the environmental charity. This particular 11-day trip in February will cost £1,500, fully inclusive.

"Harberton to Harberton" is another unusual tour which begins in Harberton. Devon, and follows in the tracks of the Bridges family who pioneered much of the colonisation of southern Tierra del Fuego. The family finally settled in Estancia Harberton where Lucas Bridges wrote Uttermost Part of the

The flora and fauna of the dry Andes, sightings of the marine mammals of the Valdes Peninsula and the guanacos (wild llamas) and condors of the Torres del Paine are all on the three-week itinerary. The tour will cost about £2,800 fully

A THREE-DAY Carte Musees ticket to all 58 museums on the Côte d'Azur, including the Chagall and Matisse collections in Nice, the Cocteau Museum in Menton, the perfume exhibition in Grasse and the Picasso Chapel in Vallauris will cost Fr70 (£7.20), a seven-day card Fr140 (£14.40). The cards are available from local tourist offices and come complete with a multilingual brochure.

### Turning turtle

WITH THE dramatic increase of sunand sand tourism, the world population of marine turtles has crashed by as much as a horrifying 50 to 80 per cent since the 1950s. Four out of the seven species are now classified as endangered, two critically so.

Large hotel developments on the beaches where turtles make their nests, excessive noise and light, and the use of speedboats during the mating season are some of the worst culprits.

The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) has launched a Turtle Alert campaign to encourage turtle-friendly policies. It also hopes to discourage tourists from visiting hatcheries where they are charged money to release the young turtles into the sea, where they will easily fall prey to

If you would like to join the campaign, write to: WSPA (Turtle Campaign), 2 Langley Lane, London SW8 ITJ.



Cuddle up a little closer. Alligators in the Everglades, Florida; tours are being organised to explore a little of this vast acreage of primeval wilderness

#### JILL CRAWSHAW'S INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TIPS. Arctic stars

ACCORDING to a survey carried

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AN UNUSUAL "Northern Lights" holiday is being organised by Arctic Experience (01737 218801). It offers the chance to study the aurora horealis at the Churchill Northern

Studies Centre, which is based on the shores of Canada's Hudson Bay, and observing the sky when it will be at its most spectacular. A variety of other northern activities -

such as dog sledging, igloo building and snowcat driving — will offer plenty of The eight-night trip in November will

cost £1,649 for flights, accommodation, most meals and lectures.

A WINE TOUR brochure from the Austrian National Tourist Office (0171-629 0461) offers a single night in the Carnuntum Wine Region costing £35 to seven nights for the Vinarium Festival in Baden, near Vienna. for £345. This tour includes four-star half-board accommodation in Baden, and tastings in medieval vaulted wine cellars.

#### Elephant tour

TO COINCIDE with Visit Kerala Year in 1998. Western and Oriental (0171-221 8677) is organising two new tours to the southern Indian state.

On a special "Elephant Festival" tour next February, led by elephant expert and enthusiast Pepita Seth, holiday-

makers can join in temple festivities with their processions of great "tuskers", watch elephants at work in the timber yards and also in the wild in the Nagarhole National Park. The cost is £1.980 for flights and full board.

An independent 13-day journey through Kerala costing £1,995 includes the old British hill station of Munmar, a stay in a private home in the backwaters and a rice barge cruise.

#### In the swim

IF YOU cannot swim and don't like to admit it, you might like to follow the example of Shirley Bassey, Aristotle Onassis, Jean-Paul Belmondo, even racing commentator Peter O'Sullevan and former defence secretary Sir John Nott. They have all benefited from the expertise of Pierre Gruneberg, the swimming instructor from the Grand Hotel at Cap

Ferrat in the south of France. He will be holding swimming clinics in this country at Hollington House Hotel (01635 255100) near Newbury in November.

His technique for curing phobias includes dunking his pupils heads in transparent salad bowls of water to monitor their breathing before they enter the pool. Group lessons cost £15, individ-

#### Opera notes

FOLLOWING the two-year closure of the Opera House in Covent Garden, London, Travel for the Arts (0171-483 1466) is offering alternative venues in Amsterdam, Munich, Vienna, Paris and New York.

In Vienna there is a choice of old favourites which includes Tosca, Carmen, Die Walkürie and La Bohëme. plus Wozzeck (Berg). Le Prophète (Meverbeer) and Gesualdo (Schnittke). The price for return flights, three nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast, and one opera ticket costs from £440. At the Met in New York, a fairly traditional choice includes Carmen, Peter Grimes and Lohengrin. The price, from £098, includes the round trip, four nights' accommodation and one opera ticket.

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#### Wedding bells

SLEIGH RIDES in the snow and all the trimmings of a real white wedding can be arranged in American and Canadian resorts by Ski the American Dream (0181-552 1201). The company will organise the formalities, witnesses and reception. Average cost for the ceremony and certificate is \$300 (£190).

A week in the historic Victorian former mining town of Telluride in Colorado, chosen by Butch Cassidy and Co for their first bank robbery, costs £799-£925 for flights and B&B for a week.

If you prefer to get married in Sun Valley in Idaho where Judy Garland, Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe used to be regulars, it will cost you from £819 for a week, £1,099 for two weeks, plus the extras incurred for the wedding itself.

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## Beside the seaside

THE ENGLISH Tourist Board has set up a hotline number for people thinking of taking a seaside break in England this summer.
The ETB wants to entice

younger generations of holi-daymakers, while encouraging their parents to stay at home after years of holidaying abroad. Two good summers helped swell stay-at-home seaside tourist numbers to 18.7 million last year.

Tim Barlett, ETB chief exec-utive, said: The last couple of summers have had excellent weather, enticing people to head for the coast. We hope they liked what they saw and will return this year."

Updated information on facilities and entertainment at 42 resorts is available on the ETB hotline, 01271 336019.

THE GROWTH in cruising is outstripping that of longhaul holidays, according to a report from the Passenger Shipping Association. The number of Britons tak-

ing a cruise grew by 21.9 per cent last year, compared with 12.5 per cent for long-haul. The Mediterranean is the favoured cruise destination. followed by the Caribbean.

PRAGUE has overtaken perennial city-break favourites such as Venice. Florence and Madrid, according to the latest figures from tour operator

#### TRAVEL NEWS

Travelscene (see box below). The emergence of Dublin and Lille is further evidence of how weekenders are looking for new cities, said sales director John Harding. "In the 1980s, Paris and Amsterdam ac-counted for the majority of bookings. While still the two most popular, people are now looking further afield."

THE FASHION for fossil hunting helped Compton Bay outstrip rival beaches on the Isle of Wight in a new survey by island ferry operator, Wightlink The bay, where dinosaur remains were recently found, was topped only by Sandown in the poll of more than 1,000 holidaymak-

#### OP CITIES

Top ten city breaks for 1997 (1987 in brackets): Paris (l) 2 Amsterdam (2) 3 Bruges (-) 4 Brussels (-) 5 Barcelona (-) 6 Rome (5) 7 Prague (-) 8 Venice (3)

9 Madrid (6)

10 Dublin (-)

Source: Travelscene

#### ers. But it beat better-known beaches including Shanklin, Ryde and Ventnor. While the island's beaches

were the most important part of a holiday for a quarter of those questioned, the villages and walking topped the poll. **■ THE RESURGENCE** of France continues to pick up pace with record numbers of

ferry passengers travelling through Dover in the first half of the year. The port reported car and passenger figures both up 26 per cent by the end of June, to 1.52 million and 9.78 million respectively. The return to full capacity of Le Shuttle following the Chan-

nel Tunnel blaze was expected to slow down the growth in ferry traffic. But figures for June showed Dover passengers up by a sixth on the same month last year and car numbers up by a quarter.
The Dover-Calais ferry

through the Tunnel, account for three-quarters of all Britons heading for France.
The market's robust health will undoubtedly be sustained with the French franc hitting ten to the pound this month

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route, coupled with Le Shuttle

for the first time since 1992. A survey of tour operators selling France showed that the gite and villa market is demonstrating the strongest recov-



### Ferry left me high and dry

From Mrs E. Wathan. Longlevens. Gloucester:

Before Christmas, we booked through VFB Holidays to travel by ferry from Newhaven to Dieppe with Stena Line, departing on August 22 at 1pm. We chose this time because we are taking elderly parents and travelling from South Wales. But early in the new year

we were notified that we would have to leave Newhaven at 10.45am. We then received a letter to say our timetable had changed again. We could pay an extra £40 to use the Lynx service departing at a convenient time, or we would have to catch the 8.45am ferry, which would mean leaving Wales at 4am. A derisory £5 voucher was of-

As the early start was totally unacceptable with elderly parents, we reluctantly paid the £40 Lynx supplement.

☐ A spokesman for Stena Line commented: We changed the craft on the route and invested in faster craft to offer more crossings, six instead of four, with some sailings twice as fast. The customer is still able to travel at 1pm but we have written and asked her to talk to us.

From Brian Dennett, Frome. Somerset:

Dr Dunn's article 'How our weekend was stolen in the night' (Weekend, June 28) contained several pieces of advice for independent travellers. However, I would take issue with his comment that 9800 numbers to rescue and insurance services are impossible to phone from abroad. I made several 0800 calls to the UK from public callphones on two campsites in France and in two towns - the system worked perfectly each time.

 We welcome letters on holiday travel. Write to: Letters, Travel Department, The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN, or fax 0171-782 5124.

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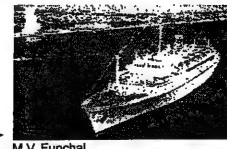
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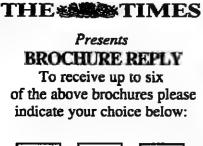
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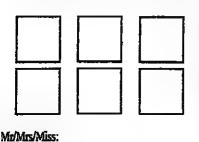
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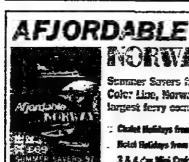
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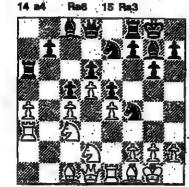
ALTHOUGH Kasparov secured 15 ... g5 16 g3 first prize in the elite tournament at Novgorod, thus re-establishing his supremacy over opponents of the flesh and blood variety, he did suffer the misfortune that his sole loss was regarded as the most brilliant game played in the event It is an essential component of Kasparov's great strength that he pushes his possibilities to the limit. both with Black and White. Since White has the initiative as his birthright, playing at all costs for the win as Black necessarily runs immense risks. When a crash comes, it can be spectacular, as this fine game demonstrates.

White: Vladimir Kramnik: Black:

N16 2 04 Bg7 4 e4 0-0 6 Be2 Nc6 8 d5

The King's Indian is Kasparov's. favourité défence against queenside openings. The champion wins a high percentage of the time with it, but there are strategic disadvantages, so it must be considered one of Black's more risky options.

9 ... Nh5 10 Re1 N14 11 BH a5 12 toom5 Rom5 13 Nd2 c5 To counter the long-term threat of a4, Ba3 and c5 by White.



This is a novelty. The game Epishin-Ye, Geneva 1997, saw instead 15 No3. A deep point of White's rook move is that it can swing directly across to the king-side in later play.

Black is already committed to sacrificing a pawn since 16 . . . Nfg6 17 Qh5 leaves Black very passive.

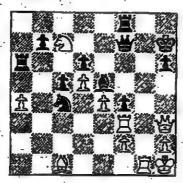
16 ... Nh3+ 17 Bxh3 Bxh3 18 Gh5 Qd7 19 Qxg5 h5 20 Qe3 t5 21 Qe2 14 22 Nb5 Kh7

Black appears to be forcing matters on the kingside, in return for his lost pawn, but White's position is full of resource.

Most players would quail at the thought of opening up their king like this against Kasparov while simultaneously freeing the al-h8 diagonal for Black's king's bishop. However, Kramnik has seen that the exposed g-file is (contrary to immediate appearances) in fact a possible avenue for White's own attack.

23 .... ext4 24 Kh1 Bg4 25 Nf3 Ng6 26 Rg1 Bxf3+ 27 Qxf3 Ne5 28 Qh5 Qf7 If 28 ... Nac4 29 Qg6+.

29 Qh3 31 Nc7 Nxo4 30 Rf3 Be5



A brilliant diversion consummating the theme of White's strategy, namely that his far-flung queenside forces exert a decisive influence on the other side of the board.

31 ... Rose4

31 ... Qxc7 falls spectacularly to 32 Qxh6+! Kxh6 33 Rh3 mate.

32 Bxf4 Black resigns

After 32... Bxf4 33 Neb Rg8 34 Rxg8 Qxg8 35 Qf5+ Kh8 36 Qf6+ Kh7 37 Nf8+ wins.

#### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is Poliakov, Latvia 1980.

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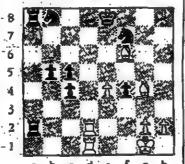
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Black's monstrous armada of pawns on the queenside will win 8 the game for him unless White acts quickly. What is his best

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READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right), from The Strand Magazine (reproduced from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection. Marylebone Library).

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The cartoon will be printed again next week with a caption from those submitted.

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The Editor's decision is final. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, July 23.

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Thames estuary are falling at the

rate of 8mm a year, and by 2100

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could be submerged. The sinking is

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But the best feature of AA Virtual

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Virtual London.



us. —" I way, Mr. Portstor, I den't Sie flor wors of dag the cold :



"It really isn't a bad dream. We have been here before."

This cartoon also appeared some weeks ago. Our apologies The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by Mark Sage of Eastbourne. Sussex

graphic panoramas. Click

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full circle, or to look up and

down. You can also zoom into

each picture to take a closer

look. As you move around the

scenes they seem to come to

life - the pigeons in Trafal-

gar Square, for example,

interactive exploration is in

the Curiosity Shop, where the bric-a-brac is stacked high

with "hot spots" to whisk you

away in any direction you

choose. The city is neatly

carved up into 16 main areas,

and you can also build up a

personal record of your tours by clicking on pictures to

store snapshots in a planner.

Text notes can also be added.

Like London itself, this title is

vibrant and energetic. Its only

obvious drawbacks are some fairly

ham-fisted navigation arrange-

clumsy affair and the index pages

still, off the bland ethereal music.

The starting point of any

appear to move.

### WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HOLDERBAT a. South African fruit bat b. A bracket c. A left-handed table tennis bat

NEMESISM a. Self-aggression b. A perennial herb

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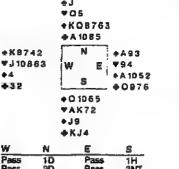
#### BRIDGE

#### by Robert Sheehan

THE NUMBER one seed in the trials to determine who should represent the USA in the 1997 Bermuda Bowl (the World Team Championship) was Seymon Deutsch's team (Zia Mahmood, Michael Rosenberg, Chip Martel and Lew Stansby). In the final they beat the second seeds, current world champions Nick Nickell. Dick Freeman, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Bobs Hamman and Wolff.

Wolff on this hand from the trials กิกลโ:

Zia Mahmood put one over on

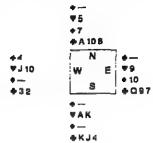


Contract: 3NT by South Lead: the two of spades

The two of spades was ostensibly fourth best. East took the ace of spades and returned the nine. Thinking the spades were 4-4, Wolff put on the queen. Zia ducked, so when East got in with the ace of diamonds the defence took three more spade tricks.

To cater for spades being 5-3, and East holding the diamond entry, Wolff could have ducked East's nine to cut communication between East and West. On the other hand. had East held precisely A98 or A97 in spades, and West the ace of diamonds, playing the queen at trick two would have been necessary to block the suit.

Suppose declarer does duck the nine of spades, and the defenders play two more rounds. Declarer knocks out the ace of diamonds. finding the diamonds 4-1, and at this point has eight tricks; one spade, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. He will need to find the club queen in an ending of this



The lead is in dummy and declarer needs the rest of the tricks. He plays off his top hearts discarding a club from dummy, and East is squeezed, forced to discard his master diamond or unguard the queen of clubs. Declarer would also succeed if West started with queen-doubleton of clubs. In that case, when East follows with low clubs at tricks eleven and twelve. declarer will reject the finesse knowing East's last card is a diamond. That is known as a "show-up" squeeze.

#### COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES. by Tim Wapshott



Explore behind the scenes at St Paul's Cathedral in AA Virtual London

those living in London as well as visitors, real or virtual. The AA is now working on the next title in the dodge the rampaging dinosaurs series, Paris. Also included in AA Virtual

ments - retracing steps can be a London is the London Quest, a are hardly all-encompassing — and the inability to turn down or, better modest test of your newfound knowledge, based on the title's lo zones: "Who made a decree protect-Still, AA Virtual London does ing the Tower ravens?" (Charles II)
"Who can speak at Speakers' skilfully manage to appeal to both

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

Corner?" (Anyone) "Where is Noel Coward's dressing gown kept?" (Theatre Museum) "Who directed the first major British 'talkie'?" (Alfred Hitchcock) "What is inside the 1878 time capsule beneath Cleopatra's Needle?" (Cigars. pipes and photos of pretty women) Of whose grand plan for London does Piccadilly Circus form a part?" (John Nash). Incidentally, not far from

Piccadilly Circus is Sega-

world, the meeca for the

games-player with deep pock-

ets. It has just launched its

latest rumbling interactive video game, Lost World 3D. The action, based on Steven Spielberg's film Lost World. the sequel to Jurassic Park, has been designed by Dreamworks and costs El a go. As one of

the rescue team, your mission is to and save the scientists. Now a reminder that Cyberspace Thirty-Three offers 12-months' free Direct Connection Internet accounts to a dozen readers. Not only

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This week's Top Tip comes from Eleanor Maurice of Macclesfield. Cheshire: "Make your own mouse mat for free by ordering a complete new bathroom and cutting up a piece of left-over linoleum to size."

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2 First World Cup winners

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16 Tower entrance from Thames (8.4) 19 Deathless (7)

. 15 Prank; gambol (6) 20 African ruminant (5) 21 Ark builder (4)

18 With copper, makes brass 22 Mysterious, like The Times Crossword (7)

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ASTERISKED clues contain a definition of the word whose length appears in brackets and a subsidiary indication of its mutilated form which is the light. The letters removed form one ingredient of the unclued lights, in two senses.

This is confirmed by part of a nursery rhyme to be entered beneath the grid at (i) and the person at (ii). The subsidiary indications in eighteen clues produce a superfluous letter, read in clue order, these letters give the original full name of (ii), discovered in a later, more familiar guise when one part of the theme is replaced by the source of another.

Remaining clues are normal. One unclued light consists of three words; one clued light is a foreign name, one an abbreviation, Ignore accents.

Express hostility towards chap - an ignoramus, not Kelvin (3)

Rubber band may hold it in place, however (4) Wend? That is to say, head (5) Mixture of two parts tritium and one part phosphorus? (10)

Greek character makes settlement with note (3) She's in the Post Office, see. Nell'Ufficio Postale, more likely (5)

15 Expression of comempt for archetypal monomaniac Cutting down tree, almost getting back before dark

Road Traffic Acts (5) Skirting around Sandy's lover at party (4) When domestic animal is returned to tribesman (4)

Scots are frightened, but unite in faith (3) Concern about mortgage trap (6) Vote of approval for East German eight — they race

across the water (b) Standard disease of cattle (3) Swindle and beat up clumsy old bird (4) One growing used to the surroundings - English

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... from Scottish resort (4)

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Intelligent marine (5) Girl in topless dress - it's worn for dirty work! (7) Queen and Government get work done (3) At Gordonstoun, we subject English to dreary chill

Paddy might be described as . . . reserved (3)

One gram (5) In Austria, they all dance (9) Heartless monster gets new name, having married one surprisingly noble and rational (9)

Boat's state leads to intense criticism (4) Turned up about seven to spoil reveille (9) Roughness on the surface - a wrinkle (3)

a pound (4)

Nature of awkward youth led astray by deb outside

Where back might be put up by pretentiousness (6) Draw fluid out of a cavity when operating illegally Say Olive turned up for funeral oration (5)

Sing an accompaniment repeating the same note (4) Sue and Vera fixed up spiky structures to keep off the horses (14) Gossip about French film-maker (8) Doing menial work, they earn very little - hitherto.

They express contempt for their enemies, we hear (4) Pasture-land in Panama - it dries up in hot weather Judge is surrounded by female suspects (8)

Tree expert in the country (5)
Governor imprisons six — it adds fuel to the flames Quarrel with brother about Sabbath (6)

Casual pairings at the end of Major Barbara (4) Blimey, Eric Cantona's stripped off, and it's really horny (5)

Man with plough — rude fellow (4) Italy captivated old aristocrat (7) It calls for effort, that quiz (4)

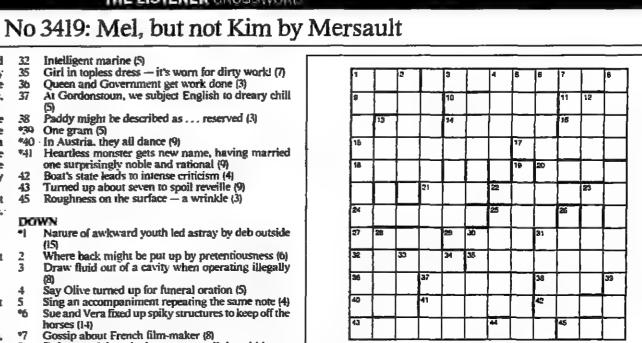
Solution to No 3416: Playback by Loda

Stokes Thomas the Tank Engine and friends? (9)

Video Plus @ numbers are supplied by the atomic numbers of chemical elements, as listed (page 2060) in Chambers. All across answers/numbers are reversed (ie played back) to form the light/code. Initial letters and redundant words in down clues spell out: THE WEATHER (ref. the elements) and BEATING RETREAT thereby providing the decoding clue.

The winner is F. Dent of Hollywood, Birmingham.

The five runners-up are: John Grimshaw of London; Jain and Mary Fisher of Scunthorpe; Janet Ferris of Leeds: Stephen Field of London SEI and Clive Weatherley of Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire.



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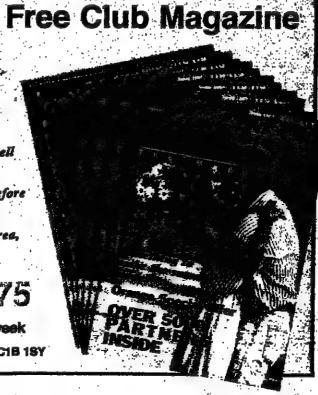


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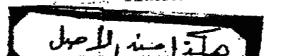
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Highest June deposits for ten years as investors bet on more windfall

## Carpetbaggers 'blitz' societies

AND ANNE ASHWORTH

NEARLY £2 billion poured into building society coffers last month as speculators took a massive punt on which society would be the next to convert into a bank, Building society inflows in

June were the highest monthly figure for a decade. Adrian Coles, Director-General of the Building Societies Association, said: This reveals the intense pressure societies are under from carpetbaggers." He added: "The disruption that this intense speculation

BARCLAYS de Zoete Wedd the troubled investment bank-

ing arm of Barclays, has fired

four staff and is being investi-

gated by US regulators over allegations that it absorbed losses incurred by its clients.

The losses, made early last

year, only came to light this

spring during an internal audit and involved trades for

Sceptre Investment Counsel of

Toronto and Lexington Man-

The US Securities & Ex-

change Commission is investi-

gating claims that BZW

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Brent 15-day (Oct) \$18.35 (\$18.70)

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agement of New Jersey.

should be allowed to continue. It is quite unacceptable that the service to small savers and genuine and long-standing customers is affected."

About £30 billion has been paid to members of mutual societies that have opted for a stock market listing, and yesterday JP Morgan, the merchant bank, confirmed it was to advise Birmingham Mid-shires, the sixth-largest society, on its future.

All eyes are now on the Nationwide. The society's plans are likely to be determined by the outcome of

absorbed the trading losses of \$80,000 (£48,000) to retain a good relationship with the clients, a practice that violates

the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and the Nat-ional Association of Securities

Dealers, which runs the

Nasdaq market. Three years

ago Yamaichi Securities, the

court efter being accused by

BZW yesterday admitted

but said they came from

"operational errors" when

rectly processed by BZW trad-

ers and back office staff.

trading losses made by our

clients," said a spokeswoman

The SEC Investigation has received testimony from Kate Evans, a former BZW trader, who claimed that error forms

were changed to hide the

trading losses BZW had absorbed. BZW refused to dis-

cuss Ms Evans or her

The New York operation is

run by Callum McCarthy, a

former corporate financier

from Kleinwort Benson who

joined BZW with Graham

Pirulott, who has been promot-

ed to a strategy role within

Barclays by Martin Taylor, its

BZW has been hit by a series of defections since Bill

Harrison, the former Flem-ings banker, took over as chief

executive last year. Patrick O'Sullivan, the chief operating

officer, resigned to join Eagle

in New York.

testimony.

Under no circumstances has BZW or will BZW cover

ephone orders were incor-

the SEC of similar practices.

that it had covered the loss

Thursday's board election. The indications are that many members have voted for a group of dissident members, led by Michael Hardern, a freelance butler, who want the Nationwide to convert.

Dr Brian Davis, chief executive of Nationwide, said it was pure speculation to suggest the large number of votes pointed to a Hardern victory. "If the five do get elected, then obviously we will have to reconsider our position." he added. If Mr Hardern and the other dissidents win, it is believed that Nationwide would favour a trade sale

Dr Davis claimed he had not received approaches from any other organisations, but in the past has admitted that if the right offer came along it would have to consider it. Prudential said yesterday that it was interested in acquiring a

building society. The society's advisers Goldman Sachs, have put a price of £7 billion on the Nationwide — this could give members an average payout of £2,000. However, analysis believe that the predators currently circulating in the finan-

The Spice Girls, EMI assets but not board material, though a woman candidate is sought

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Girl power rules at EMI

were the most notable of the company's successful new

the spot when one woman

shareholder, echoing "Wannabe" told him "what I

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want" was at least one

woman appointed as a direc-

tor. After all, she said, "Five

of our main assets are young

Sir Colin, who had earlier

defended the £6.9 million

But Sir Colin was put on

acts last year.

ladies."

to pay this high a price. Concerns about the future of building societies were raised by MPs on the all-party Building Societies Group. It is ing with Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, after the announce-

ment of the Nationwide vote. The group, chaired by Andrew Love, MP for Edmonton, extremely concerned that the Nationwide, now the UK's biggest building society, could be forced to convert. The committee wants Ms Liddell to act to prevent other societies from being threatened.

rector of Equitable Life the mutual insurer, called yesterday for a period of protection to be given to mutual bodies over bids. He said that this would allow members to balance the benefits of immediate windfalls against the longterm advantages of remaining part of a mutually owned

organisation.
Mr Ranson added: "Payouts
of £1,000 tend to cloud people's vision. They need space to sit back and reflect."

### FTSE falls swiftly after 5,000 flirtation

before equity bears gained the upper hand and sent shares

shares beat a sharp retreat with the index falling 100 points by mid-afternoon before staging a recovery. The FTSE 100 closed 71.8 lower, at 4,877.2.

Dealers blamed the fall in 11.5 per cent in June, the fastest

rate for seven years. Economists said the headline figures had been distorted by gilt repo lending and that un-derlying figures pointed to robust but unspectacular money supply growth. Underlying M4 rose 6.1 per cent in line with the

three-month average. Separate British Bankers Association figures showed housing lending rising by £900 million in June, the largest increase for four years.

# Scramble, page 30

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE FTSE 100 came within two points of breaching the elusive 5,000 barrier yesterday crashing to their largest one-

day fall since March. After rising 49.1 points in the first hour of official trading,

International stock markets also suffered heavy losses as Wall Street retreated. Markets in Frankfurt, Paris and Milan closed sharply down.

London on the expiry of July futures options contracts and renewed fears over US interest rate rises. The FTSE 100 is expected to remain volatile next week ahead of retail sales data, regarded as crucial to determining when the Bank of England will increase interest rates again. But economists shrugged off monetary data that showed M4, the measure of broad money supply, increasing at an annual rate of

#### package paid to Jim Fifield. Star, the insurer, earlier this they, and everyone else, alto be able to improve on its UK results last year. president and chief executive ready knew — the Spice Girls Doubts over BT plan to link with MCI

By PAUL DURMAN

UK INVESTORS increasingly doubt the wisdom of British Telecom's E12 billion merger with America's MCI amid evidence of a growing rift between the companies' senior management

MCI's warning last week of \$1.6 billion (£960 million) losses was prompted by problems it faces breaking into local phone markets. But

investors are also concerned at prospects for MCI's core long-distance business. Rather than simply renegotiating terms with MCI, some investors are starting to believe that BT should abandon the deal.

ZIGAZIG AH! Gir! power

may have given a terrific boost to EMI Group's profits

last year, yet the music com-pany behind the Spice Girls

has still to admit even one

Sir Cofin Southgate, the

EMI chairman who has been

known to refer to Geri, Mel

B, Mel C, Emma and Victoria

as "sex on ten legs", yesterday told his shareholders what

woman on to its board.

Neil Woodford, a senior investment manager at Perpetual, a large BT shareholder, said: "The prospects of the opportunity to walk away look more and more attractive." Crooke, telecoms analyst with Hender-

son, another large investment firm, terminal decline" because of future said: "We really are beginning to question whether carrying on with this deal is the right way forward."

of EMI Music, told her he was already looking for "a

lady who can make a contri-

bution on the board", and

was in negotiations with one

candidate. Sir Colin said the second Spice Girls album

will be out in time for

The rise of the Spice Girls

may not be enough to offset

the rise of the pound, which

could cost EM1 £45 million-

50 million in lost profits this year. EMI said it is unlikely

Christmas.

Mr Crooke said he was impressed by hard-hitting note from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson that said BT management should seize the opportunity of the MCI bombshell to walk away. James Dodd, the Kleinwort analyst, argues that MCI's long-distance business risks "a high chance of going into

competition from computer networks and Internet telephony. He also doubted the need for BT to have a major presence in the US and said that MCI resembled past takeover disasters.

MCI would not confirm a report, which worried UK investors, that it first told BT about heavy losses in its local business in March.

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**WEEKEND** 

Anne Ashworth on the fight for mutuality

Currency deals in the high street and at the airport





Windfall shares with the brightest prospects

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## BA aims to form Iberia alliance

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

BRITISH AIRWAYS yesterday announced plans to form an alliance with Iberia, the state-owned Spanish

Detailed talks are to begin on setting up the deal that could come into effect from next summer and provide BA with greater access to Latin American routes. Iberia won approval for a

E440 million state cash injection last year in spite of fierce objections from a number of rival airlines, including BA. Latin America is one of BA's weakest regions and the airline has been trying to estab-

lish better links for many years. As well serving routes from Madrid to most Latin American capital cities, Iberia has stakes in airlines in Colombia, Chile and Argentina. BA's tie-up with Iberia would enable the airlines to book passengers from London to Madrid with BA and then

on to South America on Iberia with one ticket and one flight number. The Spanish Government

plans to privatise Iberia early next year and BA said yester-day it would consider taking a

small stake in the airline. Under the proposals, the airlines will operate flights beyond both London and Madrid under the same code number and allow each other's passengers to take part in their frequent flyer pro-grammes. BA and Iberia hope to reduce costs by sharing some services and co-ordinating such operations as cargo. The alliance would give Iberia access to BA's worldwide

Bob Ayling, BA chief execu-tive, said: "This agreement would offer both our and theria's customers considerable advantages, in particular making it easier to fly to a wider range of destinations."

The European Commission has been informed of the proposals, which could also involve American Airlines should BA's planned alliance also be approved.

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## OFT warns lenders about unfair practices

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

JOHN BRIDGEMAN, Director-General of Fair Trading, issued his strongest warning yet to finance companies specialising in loans to people with poor credit ratings: clean up your act

or lose your consumer credit licences. Lenders and brokers have been given two months to stop practices that Mr Bridgeman called deceitful, oppressive and unfair. New guidelines from the OFT prohibit the use of dual

the amount borrowers owe if they are late making payments. They also ban lenders from levying excessively high redemotion penalties using a calculation known as rule 78. Mr Bridgeman said rule 78 was inappropriate and that lenders should introduce caps or find alternative methods. Either way, penalties should be reasonable and do no more than cover

lenders' costs, said Mr Bridgeman.

The new rules also make lenders

selling their loans. Brokers can receive commissions up to 10 per cent of the value of a loan and there have been many cases of hard selling, cold calling and fraudulent loan applications.

Solicitors acting for borrowers with City Mortgage Corporation, the largest of secondary lenders, applauded the initiative. They have been fighting CMC on the very points condemned by Mr Bridgeman and

expect to issue a writ for a class action However, it refused to comment on against the company in the next

David Steene, managing director of CMC, also welcomed the introduction of regulatory standards, as did Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Affairs Minister. Last month he held talks with Mr Bridgeman on how "non-

status" lenders could be regulated. CMC pointed out that it had already said it would withdraw rule 78 on new loans from August 1.

the financial impact that abolishing dual rates and rule 78 would have on its existing loan portfolio. CMC represents a quarter of the turnover of Cityscape, its US parent, but contributes more than half the group's profits. All its loans are immediately securitised by Greenwich International, a subsidiary of NatWest Markets. Analysts said the bonds, which are mostly sold in the

US market, could be downgraded.

## Shareholder attacks warning by Johnston

JOHNSTON GROUP, the engineering, pipes and construc-tion conglomerate, was fiercely criticised by a leading shareholder after a profits warning sent its shares into freefall. The company, whose shares closed 65p down at 385p, wiping £7 million off its value, gave warning that both its results for the six months to June and its full-year results would be lower than in 1996. The surprise announcement infuriated TT Group, the rival conglomerate which made a hostile bid for 27.4 per cent of Johnston last year. It offered

500p per share, valuing the company at £53.49 million.

Johnston rebuffed TT, which still owns 7 per cent, by reassiring shareholders that its management strategy was sound and that its underlying businesses were growing. Although TT refused to say whether it would make another bid it strongly urged Johnston to sell its construction contracting business and its business in North America. Johnston blamed its problems on the strength of sterling, and difficulties with its new roadsweeping machine.

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### WHS buyback move

WH SMITH Group, the troubled retailer whose shares have fallen more than 30 per cent in the past 12 months, is to seek authority to buy back up to 10 per cent of its equity. The buyback would involve the purchase of up to 28.5 million shares, which, at yesterday's close, would cost £105 million. An extraordinary meeting has been convened for August 19. The buyback would not be implemented until the year-end results on August 27. The shares have fallen to 368½p, from a 12-month high of 532p, amid concern about the trading performance and defection of Bill Cockburn, chief executive, to BT.

### Mansfield buys again

MANSFIELD, the Nottinghamshire brewery, continued its MANSFIELD, the Northghamshire brewery, continued its expansion plans buying seven managed houses from an independent Northampton pub firm. Mansfield will pay £8.5 million for the McManus Taverns properties. Their addition takes Mansfield's total in the town to 17 which it said "firmly cemented" its presence in the county. Mansfield will take control of the pubs and their 150 staff within seven days, phasing in its products and beers over the next couple of weeks. The company plans to spend some £30 million on expansion this year:

### AH Ball payout fear

A H BALL, the building and construction group, is likely to A H BALL, the building and construction group, is likely to make a provision of up to ESOO,000 for the year to March 31 and is unlikely to recommend a full-year dividend. The company made £166,000 in the year to March 1996. It said the anticipated dividend decision would be a result of a deficit on one of its main contracts and "currently unresolved issues". The company has also exchanged contracts to sell its freehold property in Farnham, Surrey, for £925,000, conditional only on obtaining appropriate planning consent. A planning application has been made.

### **Special from Arnold**

BARR & WALLACE Arnold Trust is to pay shareholders a £17.9 million special dividend, worth 120p a share, after it completes the £41.8 million sale of the Wallace Arnold coach holiday business to management. The buyout, led by Robert Barr, BWAT director, is being backed by 3i, the venture capital group, which is providing \$50 million kinding. The deal, which is subject to shareholder approval, will leave BWAT as a motor dealer with Ford, Vauxhall and Peugeot franchises. It is to change its name to Trust Motor Group. Tempus, page 28

#### MDIS restructuring

SHARES in McDonnell Information Systems were relisted as the troubled computer services group unveiled a £24.3 million restructuring to help to stay afloat. Restructuring cash was raised through the placing of 105 million shares at 25p each, which doubled the company's share capital. MDIS confirmed that its losses had increased to £49.5 million in the year to December, partly over exceptional charges of £21.5 million. Without the placing it would not have been able to settle its arrears of £9.5 million or liabilities of £4.6 million.

#### Hansom fall continues

HANSOM, the London taxi company that joined the Alternative Investment Market in 1995, last year continued its plunge into the red, making pre-tax losses of £1 million (£390,000 in the previous period). Turnover fell by 11.7 per cent, from £10.9 million to £9.6 million. The losses were caused partly by the group's restructuring, which involved getting rid of its tool business in Fulham and investing £250,000 in Datacab. The group now expects to benefit from its reduced overheads. Again, no dividend will be paid.

### Calluna drives into red

PRE-TAX losses at Calluna, maker of miniature hard disk drives, rose to £4.94 from £4.88 million in the year to end-March. Turnover fell to £2.22 million from £2.87 million, atthough second-half sales rose to £1.4 million (£780,000). The losses were caused partly by the development and early manufacturing of the 500MB 1.8-inch disk drive. Calluna said it would change its operating structure and trading partnerships to exploit market opportunities. Earnings fell to 8.4p a share from 9.1p. Again, there will be no dividend.

### Grampian Holdings sale

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS is selling its Interests in animal health products for £67.8 million to a new company backed by 3i and Bank of Scotland. Grampian Pharmaceuticals operates in Britain and Ireland but has interests in Europe, Australia and New Zealand. In the 13 months to end-January, it earned operating profits of E7 million on turnover of E56.9 million. The disposal gives a gain of E32.5 million, which will be used mainly to fund retailing and transport developments. The company also aims to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares.

## **UK** investors plan rescue of ailing Grundig

BY OLIVER AUGUST

A UK investor group led by Botts & Co. a privately owned merchant bank in London. will attempt to rescue Grundig, the ailing German television manufacturer.

The Botts investors vesterday acquired a 43 per cent stake in Grundig from Philips, the Dutch electronics group. and from Hohenstaufen Vierundvierzigste Vermögensver-waltung, a German investor

group.
The UK investors say they will inject undisclosed new capital into Grundig and could acquire majority control in 2004. Grundig's manage-ment was not told of the change of ownership.

### Ionica set for £640m flotation

IONICA, the telecoms launch itself on the market at a value of £640 million next week (Christine Buckley writes).

The move will make the 6 per cent stake of Nigel Playford, chief executive, worth E38 million. Other directors are in line for share packeach when trading in the shares - priced at 390p

- starts next Friday. Ionica, which lost £43.9 million last year. operates telephone services through fixed radio access. It has put up 24 per cent of its shares for flotation, which will raise £147 million. The 390p price is at the higher end of expectations.

Michael Handrick, a Botts director, said: "We invest in companies which we believe to be undervalued. Our average holding time is three to five vears. Grundig obviously has some problems. One of the reasons is the recession in Germany. But we feel the company can be turned around, hopefully faster than

in three to five years."
Philips still holds a 5 per cent stake after selling a 26.b per cent stake to the UK investors. A stake of 52 per cent is held by the Max Grundig Foundation family trust with an option to sell its stake to Philips for DM411

million (£135 million) in 2004. Mr Handrick said: "If and when the shares are put to Philips, we have the right to purchase them from Philips. We prefer not to talk about the

He said that if the Botts investors sold their stake before 2004 then the right to buy the foundation shares could be sold as part of the package. Botts will begin talks with Grundig in the next few weeks. Mr Handrick said:

The relationship between Grundig and Philips has not been a very harmonious one. We have not had access to the Grundig management and therefore our picture of them is somewhat sketchy."

Philips stopped covering losses at Grundig this year and said that it wanted to A spokesman said: "It is a logical further step to reduce our interest in Grundig."

Philips is disputing Grundig's losses of DM671 million (£223 million) for 1996. it said the stated losses had been inflated by extensive provisions for new policies adopted after the year end. Arthur Andersen, the accountants, endorsed this view.

Grundig is disputing



Well covered: David Green, of Colefax & Fowler, the wallpaper and furnishings company, reported pre-tax profits of £2.63 million from £1.84 million in the year to April 30. Earnings rose to 7.7p a share from 5.7p. A final dividend of 1.4p., due on October 7, increases the total to 2.3p from 1.9p. The group saw strong sales growth in all its brands

## Top brands join | Trade fears grow four-way sales tie

By George Sivell

FOUR UK consumer brand giants have taken the first steps towards combining aspects of their global product

marketing. Bass Brewers, Cadbury, Kimberly-Clark and Unilever will work towards joint marketing of each other's products in a venture to be based at Birds Eve's offices in Waltonon-Thames, Surrey. Initially on consumer trends but will work towards joint marketing. They will take an equal share in the joint venture although the costs and the number of staff to be deployed were not

disclosed. However, the opportunities for cross-marketing are vast. Unilever is putting its Birds Eye Wall's food brands. Elida Faberge, Lever Brothers detergents and Van den Bergh foods, into the study.

Kimberly-Clark brands include Huggies, Pull-Ups, Kimwipes, Kleenex and Wypall, Cadbury has 13 brands in the league table of top 30 chocolate brands and Bass has 23 per cent of the British market through Carling Black Label, Tennent's

Lager and Draught Bass.
The four say: "We have to stay at the forefront of conis constantly developing. The aim is to improve our understanding of, and dialogue with, consumers in order that brands continue to meet their needs. All our members already have a detailed knowledge of consumers. However, to enhance this we will work together, building a pool of information of a size and quality that would not be achieveable by an individual

## over Boeing link

By George Sivell

TRADE analysts believe the Clinton Administration has a case under World Trade Organisation rules if, as seems likely, the European Commission imposes a formal block next week on the huge aero-space merger between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas.

WTO officials were plainly nervous over the prospects of a complex row between two of blocks, believing it threatened the fabric of a carefully nurtured disputes mechanism.

The official WTO line was: The US and the EU are two of our biggest members. We hope they resolve this amicably and rapidly." The state-ment came after President Clinton signalled earlier this week that he would seek a WTO ruling or impose sanctions on Europe if the merger were blocked by Brussels.

Trade envoys believe such a dispute would bog down the WTO, which is now trying to settle almost 70 disputes. They also fear that the vast sums of money involved could tempt either side to brush aside any WTO ruling. A similar threat was avoid-

ed in 1995 when America and Japan settled a row over car exports. Another European-Helms-Burton law on investment in Cuba is in suspense. The WTO dispute settle

ment system provides for final rulings by neutral panels and appeals boards within a maximum of 18 months of a complaint being lodged. The EU has argued that the merger would create a domi-

nant global firm damaging fair competition in Europe. Brussels is expected to take a

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## **Expansion and change of** venues for London Clubs

LONDON Clubs International, the upmarket casino operator, has been granted a new casino licence that will enable it to move its Rendezvous Casino at the London Hilton on Park Lane to new premises adjoining the nearby Metro-

Alan Goodenough, chief exocutive, speaking after the company's annual meeting yesterday, said that up to 55 million would be spent on the new Rendezvous. He said the 20-year lease

was at a rent 20 per cent lower than the Hilton premises. Industry observers expect Ladbroke. the Hilton's owner, to consider transferring one of its own London licences to the old Rendezvous site. The resu-



Goodenough: two moves

ution of the Rendezvous move follows Mr Goodenough's success in sorting out a messy dispute with the Ritz Hotel, whose owners, the Barclay brothers, were demanding a £20 million premium for a

the hotel's basement.
London Clubs has bought the freehold of a much bigger Grade II listed building for £13.5 million, and is spending E5.5 million refurbishing it. The new casino, to be called 50 St James after its address on St James Street, is scheduled to open after the Ritz Club lease expires next June.

Mr Goodenough is still awaiting a decision by Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, on London Clubs's £190 million bid for Capital Corporation, its small-London rival. London Clubs withdrew the bid after it was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commis-sion, but analysts expect it to revive its interest if cleared by



THE FRENCH CONNECTION CLUB Méditerranée, the 6 For some people the deal has taken on a

symbolic importance beyond the £24 billion at stake. It has become a power struggle between the Anglo-Saxon

business establishment and an entrepreneurial Frenchman; a battle over some of the most potent brands in the world

Business Focus on . the Guinness - GrandMet merger — tomorrow

## Club Med founders quit

By Jon Ashworth

sions were possible.

French leisure group, founding family that dreamt up the "sun, sea and sex" holiday formula nearly 50 vears ago.

Serge Trigano, pushed aside as chairman in February, and his father Gilbert, who co-founded Club Med in 1950, have resigned from the company's supervisory board in a falling out with his successor. Philippe Bourguignon, the former head of the Euro Disney theme park

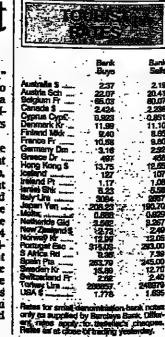
The departures came as Club Med announced a loss of Fr413 million (£40.49 million) for the six months to

April 30. Operating profits of Fr84 million were more than offset by Fr88 million in interest charges. The company, whose largest shareholder is now Italy's Agnelli family, said further provi-

M Trigano said on French radio that Club Med's villages risked turning into "Mickey [Mouse] clubs", and it was time for the founders to get out. There was a certain spirit in this firm, a certain soul based on love, tenderness and generosity." he said. "I don't know if it will be a Mickey Club or something else but it will certainly be a different club from the past, and it's not my club. There is

no piace left for a Trigano." He hinted that the Trigano family planned to launch a rival boliday club chain, addressing new leisure markets such as the elderly.

Club Med confirmed the departures in a statement thanking Gilbert Trigano. who supplied the original tent villages on which Club Med built its reputation, and Serge Trigano for "his action". The company grew to embrace 114 all-inclusive Club Med vil-lages around the world, but fell victim to a cumbersome management structure. The number of Club Med clients grew by 30,000 to 1.4 million last year, but turnover and



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THE man who runs onday 1 Britain's largest chemicals business does not have a desk. Charles Miller Smith has steered the radihursday cal reshaping of the Imperial Chemical Industries empire

from a tidy green leather sofa. There are no loose pieces of paper or bank reports around. Not a single paper clip on the floor. One could mistake his office for the common room of an Oxford college.

"I've always had a horror of locking up my papers in a desk and losing the key." Miller Smith admits. So he disposed of

the desk and the piles of paper.

The only thing to clutter the oak-panelled room is his trademark cardigan.

Neatly folded, it is on the sofa next to him. He is reluctant to wear it having found a small hole in it. For a man who earned half a million pounds last year as chief executive this seems an unusually mundane worry. It is all the more unusual in

view of his recent achievements.

The last fortnight has seen the culmination of Miller Smith's revolution that has changed ICI beyond recognition. In a frantic six days one deal was completed and two more agreed, with a total value of arrow flash. That's how we ran the E8 billion. Like a battle-

hardened general he marshalled his divisions and discarded renegade units. He also gave marching orders to tens thousands of

Almost single-handedly he redrew the map of a chemicals empire often described as the beliwether of British industry. But he did so without losing his

reputation for being a soft-spoken The upheaval started with the completion of the £5 billion acquisition of

Unilever's speciality chemicals business. During his 30-plus years at Unilever, the unit had been built up by Miller Smith himself. When he moved to ICI two years ago, he took with him the idea of focusing on speciality and industrial chemicals. In a decisive break with the past, he

designed a twin strategy that wouldremove ICI still further from its historic roots as a bulk chemicals producer and took it closer to the consumer and into less cyclical markets.

which has won him praise from the City and within ICI. Sir Rimaid Hempel, its chairman, said: "ICI was formed by merger 70 years ago. This deal creates nothing less than a new ICI for the new millennium."

To pay for Unilever's speciality chemicals business; Miller Smith needed to find £3 billion cash. In May, he gave himself three years to raise the money by selling off non-core activities. Less than three months later he has got the money. How did he do it? After completing the

Unilever deal on Tuesday last week, he sold El billion worth of shares in ICI Australia the next Friday. This move was followed on Monday by the sale of several divisions, including the polyester unit, to DuPont for almost £2 billion. That paid for the acquisition of the Unilever business. "It gives me an overwhelming sense of satisfaction," says an understandably tired Miller Smith.

But the bare financial mechanics of his deal-making are no real answer to the question of how he did it. How could he move with such speed when ICI executives had despaired for so long? How could he make so many people join his bandwagon when the doorman hardly notices him slipping through the steel gates at the Millbank head office?

The Unilever deal, for example, I sat for ten days non-stop on this sofa here, The only difference was instead of one, two, three, four people in the room," Miller Smith says, slowly gazing around the office, "there were a dozen by the end."

One of the greatest corporate reshapings in recent British history was essentially negotiated by Miller Smith talking on the phone from his sofa. "I had the phone here on my lap particularly at night. For some strange reason it doesn't ring through so you have to watch the red

Unilever deal, and similarly for the DuPont and the Australian deal." But Miller Smith does

not merely run the empire sitting down. "I'm a terrible wanderer," he says. During the hectic days of last week he got up at team and arrived at Millbank around 7.30 am. Much to the dismay of his secretary, Linda,

he then proceeded to stroll through offices on all six floors, talking to staff instead of attending scheduled meetings. Somewhat ironically for someone uni-

versally described as soft-spoken, Miller Smith thinks of himself as a compulsive walker and talker as well as a bad timekeeper. He says: "I am a wanderer around Millbank and a wanderer around the world. Why? You hear and see much more when you go to people then you ever get out of a hundred reports.

That intuitive feeling of what is really happening, that gets lost when it is distilled, you will pick up in a second when you speak to people. It is a great way to break down barriers. If you The acquisition of the Unilever division wander around this building and wander hear. You pick up in an instant personal tensions or animosities. You pick up different points of view left out of reports because they don't fit in with conventional

> ICI being a global enterprise, Miller Smith can walk into the offices of only a tiny minority of his staff. The group as a whole has more than 60,000 employees. To stay in touch with the many divisional executives in more than 30 countries and to avoid reading their reports - he inevitably has to rely on the phone. Last



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Charles Miller Smith has always had a horror of locking up documents in a desk and losing the key — so he disposed of the desk and the piles of paper

day. "I use the phone a lot," he says with mock understatement. Next to his preferred end of the sofa - looking out over the Thames and Lambeth Bridge - is a small coffee table. The surface is wiped clean. On occasion his butler may put down a cup of Earl Grey. But the two items always on the table are his mobile phone and the old-fashioned phone with the red arrow.

The phone was especially invaluable during the Australian negotiations. The reserves a week before the billion-pound bundle of shares in ICI Australia were to be offered to investors, causing upheaval in the Australian financial markets.

Panic set in at Millbank. There was no telling how the offering was going to be

Miller Smith says: "I made a call just before I went to sleep Thursday evening so the market was just opening in Australia. I heard the stock had opened well and knew the international offer was going well. I was back in my office at six

week he made an average of 50 calls a o'clock in the morning. I phoned Mike Evans at Goldman Sachs and heard how it was going to be priced."

> The alternative to phone overkill would be the acquisition of an ICI corporate jet to ferry Miller Smith around. But, showing the Calvinist frugality of his Scottish upbringing, he prefers scheduled airliners. "They are safer and cheaper,"

Restricting overseas travel to occasional trips also has the advantage of granting him more time with the family. His

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Naseem Hamed

defends his

world title.

married to Dorothy for 40 years, Miller Smith has three grown-up children. He and his wife like to stay in most nights.

When he comes home they gossip "about the office". At ten he goes to bed and reads until he falls asleep. Every Saturday, including last Saturday, the two of them go to the same Italian restaurant on Lower Sloane Street, Every Sunday, including last Sunday, the whole family lunches together. Whenever possible they go walking near their contage in

Aberdeenshire. To relax the picture of a deeply ordinary life. Happily Smith is at present reading an ancient

Chinese book, The Art of War, by Sun Zi. The book is the declared bible of famous generals like Norman Schwarzkopf, the Gulf War supremo. Is this where the grand strategies for ICI come from? And would a truly mild-mannered man really read such a book?

Whatever the answer, this oh-so-ordinary man is everything the British like in themselves. He is courteous, self-deprecating and strong-minded without being brash. While it is hard to believe that Miller Smith is really in charge of such a

On Sight and Insight.

A story about

coping with blindness.

CHANGING TIMES

## Pen friends

ALL those teenage scribblers at ABN Amro Hoare Govett have a new boss. Lyn Moran, former managing director of investment banking at James Monday as head of European research. She has been brought in by Nick Bannister, recently made regional boss at Hoare Govett for Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

I would not wish to disturb any of those keen analysts. But her priority is to ensure that research, sales and corporate finance work as a team, I am told. This might be a bit of corporate flim-flam, or it might be more sinister. Most analysts feel that job satisfaction, reputation, sanity, whatever, is best safeguarded by having as little to do with corporate finance as possible.

ONE of the men behind the production by cloning of Dolly the sheep is joining the biotech company PPL Thera-peutics. Keith Campbell joins from the Roslin Institute. where he worked on the Dolly project with Ian Wilmut. He is heading research on a process called nuclear transfer, which was used on Dolly and some-



"He's not at his desk just now. Can I put you through to one of his clones?

thing to do with PPL's busi-ness. Don't ask me how, but it gives me the shivers. A million dollars to a broken test-tube his academic salary.

I was unable to track down Dr Campbell to answer one or two scientific questions that bother me. Given all sheep look the same, how do we knowyou've cloned them? And how do we know Dolly 2 isn't merely Dolly I's natural sister with a matching haircut?

#### Carr race

SOMETHING of a needle match at this weekend's Dragon Boat race at Henley? A team is entering from the broker Carr Sheppards, including Fred Carr, chief executive and a Oxford rowing blue - on the assumption that he does not swamp the boat, for he is a big chap. There is also a boat crewed by Invester of South Africa, which has just bought Carr Sheppards. It is whispered that the South Africans, who are never keen on losing at anything, might have slipped in a couple of ringers.

## Figured out

YET another senior City journalist has been hared into the seedy world of financial public relations. Ian Griffiths. City editor of the Independent on Sunday is starting his descent into inevitable madness, degradation and despair in early September, when he joins the Ludgate PR agency.

Griffiths, 42, is well travelled, having run the City pages of The Independent and the London Evening Standard, but he has now succumbed to the mid-life crisis that seems to afflict so many City writers eventually. Or perhaps it is the money. He is a qualified accountant with a serious publication to his name, Creative Accounting -



"not your usual popular stuff written by a journalist", says my informant witheringly.

#### Steele away

GRAHAM STEELE has quit abruptly as managing director of the Superdrug chain "for personal reasons". Kingfisher, which owns Superdrug, was not being very helpful yesterday, but I am assured this has nothing to do with reports a while back that he was planning a management buyout. The statement was slipped out quietly and not announced through the Stock Exchange screens. Legal, as he was not a main board director, but still strange. The City, puzzled, immediately wondered whether the expensive refurbishment at Superdrug stores had not proved its worth. No connection with this, either, I am assured.

### Landau goes

FAREWELL then, Ervin Landau, retiring as chairman of Dares Estates and selling his 3 per cent stake. The property tiddler paid £356,000 in fees to its lawyers, Landau Nock & Co, last year — senior partner, yes, you guessed it. I wonder if this volume of work will continue to flow in future.

• IF MINISTERS did indeed decide on Thursday that the

British Aerospace deal to sell Hawk jets to Indonesia should be allowed through, they showed remarkable insensitiv ity. The E160 million sale has been opposed by civil rights groups because of allegations that Indonesia uses the craft against lts opponents in East Timor. Last Thursday, July 17, was the 21st anniversary of the lilegal annexation of East Timor by Indonesia.

#### In person

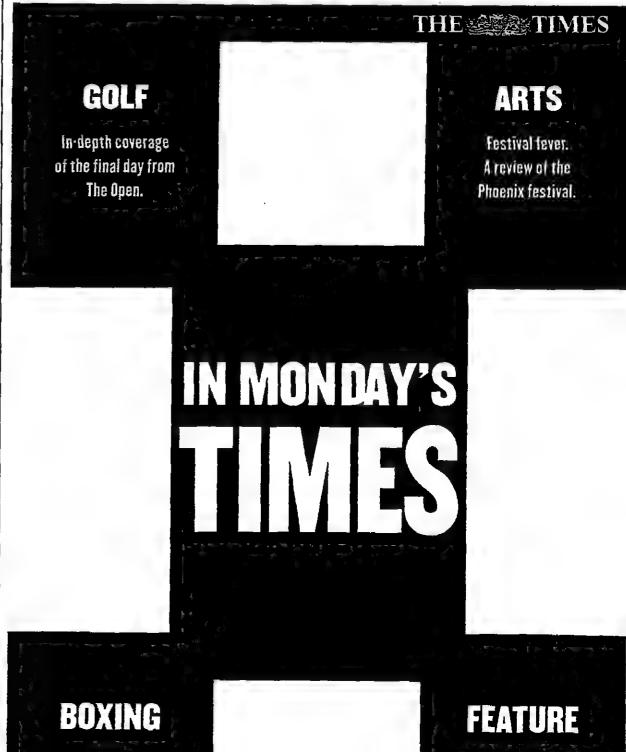
I HEAR Merrill Lynch was upstaged at a roadshow yesterday to launch a bond issue from Reliance Industries of India by the other co-lead manager, HSBC. The Americans fielded the usual team at Painters Hall, for the 100 or so fund managers and analysts

that turned up.
But HSBC brought along Sir William Purves, its chairman, who has played an increasingly hands-on role since his return from Hong Kong a while back, to add the personal touch - leaving Merrill in the front row with fixed grins," says my informant. As one of his colleagues muttered as Purves took the rostrum for a brief presentation, "once a commercial banker, always a commercial banker".

MARTIN WALLER



commercial banker, always





## FTSE follows the Dow with a 70-point plunge

what had been a recordbreaking week with a whiteknuckle roller-coaster ride as shares came clattering back

At its worst yesterday the FTSE 100 was down just over 100 points, tracking Wall Street, which slid back towards the 7,900 level.

By the close London prices had clawed back some ground to end 71.8 points lower at 4,877.2, with over £14 billion wiped off share values.

The afternoon's widespread profit-taking bit into sectors, such as banking, that have enjoyed a strong run recently. In one what one trader described as "nightmarish dealing conditions", prices went quickly into reverse, after 5.000 had been tantalisingly close.

The mid-morning option expiry saw some market-makers busy pushing the FTSE 100 towards the 5,000 mark, but shares, despite a 49-point jump, stopped short at 4,998.1. a new trading high. Last night dealers were

watching Wall Street's progress nervously, fearing a substantial overnight fall could hit London hard when trading begins on Monday.

Before the afternoon price slide took hold, there was plenty for the market to chew on. BT was the most heavily traded stock amongst blue chips with volume of nearly 57

Analysts at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the brokers, are taking a dim view of BT's plans to merge with MCI, in the wake of the US group's surprise profits warning last week. BT should walk away from the deal, says the broker, given the less than buoyant prospects for MCI's core business. BT ended the day 10p lower at 430p.

Other telecoms groups picked up the slack, but finished off their best of the day. Cable & Wireless ended up 3<sup>1</sup>2p at 6l6p, Orange added 3<sup>1</sup>2p to 208<sup>1</sup>2p while Vodafone moved up 3<sup>1</sup>2p to 30712p. Merrill Lynch, the broker, has pencilled in a 350p buy stance on the group. Conditional trading in Ionica saw it make its debut at 390p

Profit-takers moved in at HSBC after its recent run. and by the close the shares had fallen 87'ap to £29.90.



Sterling's strength and industrial action took 5p off BA

earnings despite lower oil

prices. Shell ended 9p lower at

428p, while Burmah Castrol

Ahead of the insurance

burg stuck a "buy" label on the

stock. In common with the

sector, Royal Sun Alliance has

lagged behind the market and

put on 10p to £10.411a.

NatWest Bank also fell back as bid talk evaporated, ending 27p lower at 866p, while Lloyds TSB retreated 30p to 677p. Woolwich, the new recruit, closed l'ap lower at 2981 p, while the Abbey Nat-

ional lost 29p to 86212p. Asda, the supermarket group, was hotly pursued with talk of five million shares being bid for. Over 42 million

groups' reporting season analysts have been running their slide-rules over the sector. Royal Sun Alliance was again boosted by a broker's recommendation as SBC War-

Newcastie United put on a modest 4p, to 1234p, after announcing the arrival of Stuart Pearce from Nottingham Forest while sports goods retailer JJB Sports was left on the bench as its shares shed 26p to 468p. Hi-Tec, the sports shoe maker put on 2p, to 40½p. after improved profits this week.

changed hands and the shares closed up 312p at 14712p, a new

high for the group.
Other high-flyers among
FTSE 100 shares included AB Food, which looked a safe haven in volatile conditions and moved up 1312p to 55712p. With the oil companies results coming into view, BP jumped to a new closing high of 813p, up 612p. A bullish note

results should reflect the impact of cost savings. After earlier gains Royal ended up 812p at 497p while GRE. another Warburg choice, dipped a penny to 29312p. General Accident missed out, however, and lell 4312p to on the sector from NatWest Securities, the broker, points

BG was helped 4p higher to 251p after a more upbeat note from Merrill Lynch, the broto the resilience of oil company

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oound was also hanging over EMI, where shareholders at the group's AGM were told that it could cost the group £45-£50 million. Shares dipped before rallying to close up 212p at £10.86. WH Smith ended 812p low-

er at 36812p after announcing it wants shareholder approval to buy back up to 10 per cent of

Among companies report ing yesterday, Barr & Wal-lace Arnold, the coach holiday and car dealership group, accelerated away from the difficult market conditions. It is to pay an £18 million special dividend to shareholders worth around 120p a share after a sale. The price closed at

34312p, up 34p.
A profits warning from Johnston Group sent shares tumbling to their lowest level this year. The closing price of 38Sp. down 65p, represented a fall of over 14 per cent.

Colefax & Fowler, the upmarket fabric and furnishings group, was cheered 812p higher to 110p after boosting year-end profits 43 per cent to

GILT-EDGED: Gilts missed out on the drama in the equities and recorded quieter trading. Economic data released yesterday, including M4 money supply figures, were seen as a little disappointing but not entirely unexpected. In features, the September series of the long gilt ended up just £132 at £1142432 on low volume of

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## Bye bye Bonfield

SIR Peter Bonfield seems to be digging his own grave. His lawyers have been scouring the MCI merger agreement for loopholes but he might as well call them off. The deal with MCI was framed as a merger, not a hostile takeover. BT snuggled up to the American company, known for its ruthless pursuit of growth, because it hoped that MCI would deliver the US market on a plate. If BT needs the threat of litigation to rescue its position, the American venture is already doorned.

The signs of panic are all there: threats to remove MCI directors, quarrels about who knew what and when. Meanwhile the stock price of both companies continues to provide a damning but probably accurate judgment of the affair. After another fall in the BT share price, the value of its offer is still almost 20 per cent higher than market worth of MCI.

BT could fall further but some fund managers still believe the American strategy holds long term opportunities, ignoring the clear warnings from MCI that growth in its core business is slowing. Operating income is expected to be \$100 million less in the current year and lower again next year. There are real dangers in the deregulation of the US market which were apparent even a year ago. While MCI spends billions attempting to break down the barriers to local networks, it faces competition from "baby Bells" as they compete in long distance traffic

The simple rule is: he who is closest to the customer wins the prize. BT has exploited that advantage mercilessly in defending its patch in the UK. Why did Sir Peter not expect the same battle in the US? If BT cannot escape from this deal, Sir Peter should go.

#### Oil companies

OIL companies were ignored in the last Budget, with one obvious exception. Like every UK company that pays a dividend they suddenly found their cost of capital neavily skewed in favour of debt. This should not worry them unduly. Flush with cash from falling costs and rising production rates, oil companies can afford to increase payouts and satisfy the income requirements of pension funds. The outside risk, however, is that another party with a claim on their profits might begin to pay them unwanted attention.

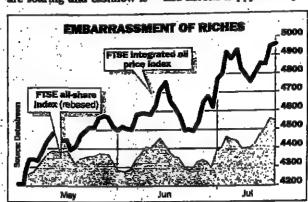
Petroleum taxes wax and wane with the crude oil price and the fortunes of the producers. The UK North Sea now benefits from one of the lowest regimes after the abolition of PRT on new fields, comparable with the

low tax regime in the US waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A previous government was keen to encourage investment as well as remove excessive liability for the costs of removing old rigs; abandonments costs can be offset against tax.

In spite of a weaker oil price, the industry's returns are soaring and cashflow is

Shell had some £9 billion of cash on deposit while BP. too, is seeing its debt levels tumble. Shell is keen to raise its returns and the removal of the dividend tax credit gives it another reason to gear its balance sheet. But if it chooses not to slim down, it may find governments here and abroad happy to oblige.

strong. At the end of March,



### Barr & Wallace

TRUST Motor Group may not be the most obvious name for a company that sells secondhand cars, but at least it more accurately reflects the new-look Barr & Wallace Arnoid Trust. Coach holidays and motor dealerships have always sat rather uneasily under the BWAT umbrella.

The sale of the Wallace Arnold coach business to management for E41.8 million is an impressive price; earlier this year it had all but accepted a £35 million offer from its rival Shearings.

The company's shares were languishing at the beginning of this year, but yesterday's 34p rise to 343 p completes an impressive run since a deal was first mooted in March. was accompanied by news of a 120p-per-share special divipects the share price to drift

tions of a further handout secure a code-sharing agreedown the line, a question mark remains over Trust's future. Clearly, a bid from a rival dealership is a possibility although hostile takeovers are rare in a world controlled Iberia is now profitable alby car manufacturers, and while BWAT sells a lot of used cars, the margins on its Ford, Vauxhall and Peugeot

#### reason to chase the shares. British Airways

franchises remain painfully

thin which provides little

THERE is some sort of irony in plans by the world's fa-vourite airline to invest in Iberia. Once a joke airline. Iberia received a cash injection of Ptz 87 billion two years ago in order to keep insolvency at bay and pay for always argued that state aid to airlines was the commercial equivalent of offering drugs to children. However, BA now seems to be prepared to invest its own money in

this subsidy-ridden carrier to

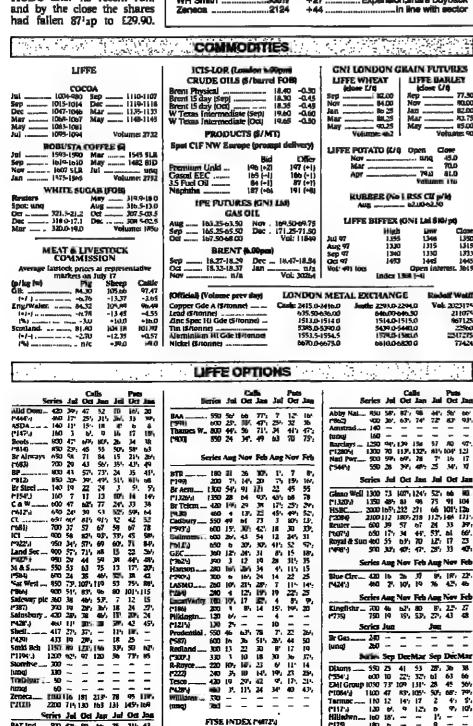
ment which could be extended to American Airlines. should the alliance with the US airline ever be

belt on a downward trend in the first five months of this year. The Spanish Government wants to privatise the company but to give the selioff credibility, the airline needed to be part of a wider network and, sensibly, the government saw an investment by a foreign airline as a

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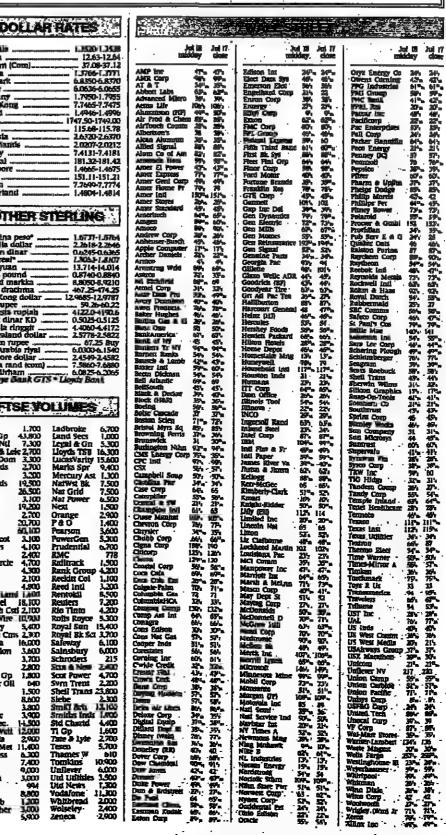
precondition to code-sharing. Iberia will benefit from a link with BA — the Spanish carrier has a large network in Latin America which BA lacks. Code-sharing should funnel BA passengers on to Iberia's Latin American Madrid. However, it is difficult to see what BA gains barowtherwise lacked. Hardly worth an equity stake.

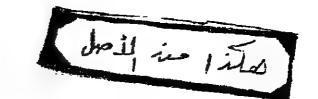
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## A bigger splash for the pound on holiday

Britons travelling overseas are gaining from the strength of sterling, Caroline Merrell finds

he Madrid Ritz, one of the most opulent and grand hotels in Europe, is out of the reach of most people's holiday breakfast will cost nearly. 40,000 pesetas plus 7 per cent tax. However, while still representing a substantial sum, the cost of staying in this world-famous hotel has dropped dramatically over the past

The incredible strength of sterling has had an equally dramatic effect on the costs of spending overseas. A year ago, one night would have cost about £208. Today it will cost £163.

With about 14 million Britons expected to travel overseas this year, and 40 per cent of these choosing Spain as their favoured holiday destination. the news that, for example, they can get around 244 pesetas to the pound, instead of the 192 they received a year ago. ly for those planning to travel abroad in the next few weeks as the holiday season begins in

strongly can lead to some unexpected savings while overseas. Those who use credit cards — still the cheapest way of spending while away — will get the exchange rate that prevails on the day the credit slip makes it back to the particular UK bank.

The length of time this takes depends on the particular month's delay in the transaction being processed would chased last month could have cheaper than expected.

Those who are contemplating going on holiday over the next few months must also consider whether it is worth stockpiling currency with the pound at these levels.

The news from economists is that the pound could still continue to rise, especially if consumer spending, fuelled by building society windfalls, forces the Bank of England to

push up interest rates. How-ever, this rise is likely to be only in the short term — the value of sterling is almost certain to fall over the longer

Trevor Williams, Lloyds TSB's senior economist, says: "The levels of sterling are not sustainable although it would not be suprising if sterling went a little higher. Our interest rates are now at a peak. Sterling could damage the UK economy, leading to a sell-off of sterling at the end of this year. The pound could fall to 2.60 marks by the second half of 1998."

Chris Wright, a Barclays economist, said: "Sterling's strength against the mark has been because of the strong economy and interest rate

"In the second half of this year, sterling will remain quite strong, but will not go higher. Next year, interest rate rises will slow the economy and the German recovery will continue and so sterling will weaken." A recent report from

Thomas Cook, the travel agent, looked at the effect of the pound's strength on the currencies of different favourite holiday destinations. For example, £250 will buy nearly 50 per cent more Turkish lira than a year ago, a saving of buy 20 per cent more pesetas, francs and drachmas than a year ago, a saving of about £45. The table below shows

the high street. However, Keith Meyrick, American Express director, gives a warning against stockiling currency to take advantage of the surge in sterling. He said: "Most people tend

some of the rates available on

to buy their currency about a week in advance. It would be worth stockpiling it only if

He does not advise holidaymakers to carry vast amounts of cash while overseas. Most travel agents recommend that holidaymakers carry a mix of cash, travelier's cheques, and credit and debit cards.



## KW saga plods along

tors Compensation Scheme (ICS) formally took on the case of Knight Williams. The anniversary last Tuesday was not marked by party hats and streamers.

The ICS exists to bail out customers of failed financial companies. Knight Williams was a major financial adviser that went into liquidation in 1995 amid claims it had given bad advice to investors, many of them elderly. The company was fined £50,000 for rule breaches in

The ICS has received more than

date it says it has paid out in only eight cases, a total of £128,000. The already slow progress has been further delayed by former Knight Williams directors. With a threat of legal action, they have persuaded the ICS to allow them to examine compensation offers before

The ICS has said that this will add an extra month to each claim. So far, it has dismissed all objections raised by directors in their lengthy commentaries on offers.

Kenneth Jordan, chairman of the Knight Williams Investors' Action Group of disgruntled investors, claims the directors are "disgrace fully" obstructing the clean-up operation, increasing the risk of elderly claimants dying before they receive compensation.

The group has appealed to Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, for an urgent review.

Joe Egerton, a spokesman for the directors, says they are just safeguarding their rights and reputations. The directors admit some clear instances of bad advice, but deny that recommending overseas investments to some customers was Continued on page 32, col 5

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## Dire outlook for pensions

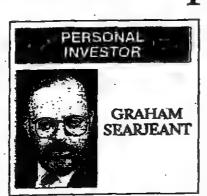
R esponsible young savers face a puzzling conflict. On the one hand they are told how vital it is that they should start a private pension plan as soon as possible because future taxpayers will not provide. On the other, they are told by people who should know better that all available pension schemes are a bad deal. In any case, the system is going to be reformed so that anyone signing up now is buying a pig For those of us brought up in a more

stable society, it seems almost an act of treason to dissuade the uncommitted from signing up to pension plans. Yet there seem few good reasons to do so, at least until the Government's review has led to firm proposals. If that review is to help, those maintain their hopes for retirement.

conducting it had better understand that pension plans are not intrinsically as wonderful as they seem to assume. A distinction should be drawn between occupational schemes under which a company offers a pension linked to final salary and the rest. These final salary schemes are still essentially a benefit to which employees contribute and should generally be accepted as such.

Pension plans that depend wholly on investment returns are a different matter. They force you to put regular amounts into a pot that is generally outside your control, which cannot be tapped when needed and which is subject to rules that may be quite inappropriate in 40 years time, when your savings are still trapped inside.

This drawback was illustrated by the bution that cannot be taken as pay. ES billion a year Budget grab. Millions . Harriet Harman, the Social Security



of people locked into pension plans now need individual advice on how much extra they would have to save to

When you retire, the proceeds of investment must eventually be converted into an annuity that dies with the named beneficiaries. That makes it an exceptionally inflexible vehicle for people's main savings and ensures that those savings cannot be passed on to future generations.

This basic package is so unattractive that few sensible folk, let alone the feckless, would sign up. To meet public policy objectives, exceptional incentives have long been offered. The main attraction has been the tax regime, which relieves contributions and investment returns, allowing savings to roll up before pensions are taxed as income. Employees usually have another huge incentive. Their employer makes a parallel contri-

Secretary, says that the first objective of her pensions review is to establish a "sustainable consensus". The essential in any such consensus is for the three main parties to commit themselves to a stable regime of tax incentives.

No such consensus is available. The Chancellor is unlikely to restore the dividend credits he is abolishing. The Tories went into the last election with a plan to abolish tax relief on contributions, the bright idea of the new Shadow Chancellor. Barring big changes of heart, future savers can probably work out for themselves an unspoken consensus. Remaining tax breaks will be run down, much as tax reliefs for families or house purchase have been.

The alternative to a carrot is a stick. It is a fair bet that well-inten-It is a turn her tion Labour tioned innovations Labour mulled over in opposition, such as replacing Serps with a bigger funded stakeholder pension and a scheme for those outside the labour market, will have to be forced on consumers. Employers would also be compelled to contribute. Both will deduce that funded pensions are now to become a tax like the state pension linked to National Insurance contributions. They will logically keep their commitment to a minimum and divert other savings to more flexible and attractive forms.

The likely upshot of reform will be to extend some funded provision to those who now lack it, but to cut pensions provision overall. This may be what the meddling elite has in mind. It is surely not the best way forward.





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## Big scramble for a gamble

invested in building societ-ies last month, the biggest inflow for more than a decade, as speculators rushed to take a gamble on the next demutualisation.

Apart from hoping for payouts. investors were betting on a rise in saving rates after last week's increase in mortgage interest rates. The Halifax delayed its loan rate rise for a week, but succumbed on Thursday. Its standard variable rate is now up 0.35 per cent at 8.2 per cent in line with the Abbey National, Cheltenham & Gloucester, Northern Rock, Alliance & Leicester and NatWest. Halifax borrowers with a £60,000 mortgage will now pay between £9 and £11.55 more a month.

The Halifax move prompted an immediate response from the Nation-wide, which pushed its rate up 0.35 per cent to 7.85 per cent. Britain's largest building society had held off a move after the rate rise last month. Although keen to maintain a gap between itself and the banks it had found a 0.6 per cent differential an increasing strain.

These developments restored equlibrium to a market which has got

The Office of Fair Trading's crackdown on secondary mortgage lenders is the sec-

and piece of good news in a week for thousands of beleaguered borrow-

ers with City Mortgage Corpora-

John Bridgeman. Director-Gen-

eral of the OFT, yesterday threat-

ened to remove the licences of

lenders, such as CMC, which use

dual rates of interest and charge

heavy redemption penalites based

Two hundred families have had

their homes repossessed by CMC in

the past two years as their debts

have escalated out of their control.

Another 1.000 have experienced the

However, solicitors are hoping to turn the tables on CMC. They

believe its practices constitute unfair terms and are not legally

binding. At a public meeting at the

House of Commons on Monday

they announced plans to bring a class action against the lender in the

High Court. This could pave the

way for compensation claims from

all 30,000 people who have taken

out loans with CMC. This could

cost the company and Cityscape, its

US parent, millions of pounds.

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tion (CMC).

mutuals offer better deals. With Chelsea Building Society adding 0.35 per cent to its variable rate this week there are now four large building societies at 7.95 per cent (Birmingham Midshires, Lambeth and Portman are the others). Some mutuals are to stay just below this although it makes little difference to their borrowers' pockets. The Scarborough, for instance, offers 7.94 per cent, a monthly saving of 46p if you

have a £60,000 mortgage.

The Nationwide and Principality are at 7.35 and National Counties at 7.39. If you are looking for the lowest of the low try Penrith (01768 863 675). which has a 6.99 per cent variable rate but restricts loans to 75 per cent LTV (loan to value) for borrowers outside Cumbria. Staffordshire Railway offers a base rate of 7.1 per cent and lends in England and Wales.

Many borrowers do not pay the variable rate for long, preferring to fix their payments as soon as they can. With the prospect of further interest rate rises business in fixed deals is booming. However, Philip Cartwright, of London & Country, says: "Don't take the discount at face value. Look at what the underlying rate is and check if the lender has

One borrower, Valerie Algie, of Reading, wanted £5.000 to renovate

her house. A representative of Charles Ashworth, one of CMC's

most important brokers, convinced

her to borrow £15,000 instead.

Unsecured loans over this level are

unregulated. Mrs Algie, who works

in a supermarket, says she missed

her first payment when she was off

sick. She claims that CMC in-

creased her monthly payments from £300 to £500. CMC denies the

figures and says Mrs Algie originally asked for a £17,000 loan. It

repossessed her house last October.

director and a former Conservative

councillor who gave £20,000 to the

election campaign of William

Hague for the Tory party leader-ship, dismisses the legal threat. He

says that he welcomes new regula-

tions and wants to hear from

A glossy new newsletter tells borrowers that higher rates of

interest will be charged only after three months of late payments.

The CMC Victims' Association

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can be reached on freephone 0500

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David Steene. CMC's managing

**Boost for CMC** 

borrowers

consistently been below the Halifax."
Flexible mortgages sound great but have yet to hit the big time with homeowners. These schemes allow borrowers to vary how much and when they pay back on the loan and draw extra money when needed. However, until now, they have failed to offer protection against rising interest rates, a serious drawback when the UK has had three rises since May and at least three more are

expected by the year's end.
Scottish Widows Bank and John Charcol, the mortgage adviser, aim to change this. They have launched a flexible mortgage that promises to keep its rates between 6.5 and 8.3 per cent until September 24, 2000. Borrowers will split the mortgage into two loans, up to 80 per cent of the value of the property. The first is the base loan on which the regular monthly payments are set. Borrowers can pay extra money or take payment holidays of up to 12 months. Interest is calculated daily so borrowers will see the immediate effect of their

On top of this they can have a flexible account up to ES0,000. Interest is charged at the same rate as the base loan and money may be withdrawn in £1,000 lots with a chequebook. There are no redemption penalties, compulsory insurance, mortgage indemnity guarantees but there is a 0.4 per cent booking fee.

The Building Societies Associ-ation launched a scathing criticism of the windfall speculation that led to the massive £1.8 billion inflow last month. It described a "feeding frenzy" of carpetbaggers at some branches.

Although the momentum behind the Nationwide carpetbagging had seemed to sag with the increasingly

erratic behaviour of its ringleader, Michael Hardern, a butler, the campaign to tear away its mutual status got a boost this week, with Nationwide saying it expected a high level of support for pro-demutualisation candidates in board elections. If they are elected, the society is almost certain to convert to a bank or

invite a takeover. The Birmingham Midshires Build ing Society looks to be close to conversion, too. It has appointed JP Morgan, the corporate adviser: a telltale move. It could yield around £1,200 a head and carpetbaggers

need £2,500 to invest.
Bradford & Bingley could be mugged by conversion zealots if Nationwide falls: £500 gets them a qualifying savings account. Britan-nia would be another target for the swarm, with £2,000 needed in a qualifying share account. The Yorkshire is another potential bid target. To gain membership of this society you must have £2,000 in a qualifying share account. To become a member of the Portman, you need £1,000.

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Speculators have crowded into building societies in the hope of payouts

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## Muted voices on mutuality

Traditionally those wishing to draw attention to their cause do something noisy, such as a massed rally in Hyde Park. The campaign for the protection of mutuality has been, to date, a muted affair. Perhaps explaining why it is important that a financial institution should be owned by its customers rather than shareholders is tricking then written the content of the c trickier than putting the case for foxhunting.

The news that Nationwide customers may be preparing to vote for conversion, however, ought to bring a swift change of strategy among the mutual defence band. The conversion of the obstinately mutual Nationwide is likely to hasten takeovers and conversions in the rest of the industry. But are building society beauty cared to the Earle? The conversions building society bosses equal to the fight? The speculators who last month poured £1.8 billion into building societies in

the hope of windfalls obviously think not.
Some societies believe that the Government should ride to their rescue. But although legislation might prolong the life of mutuality, it is customers that must principally be persuaded of its value, not politicians. Roy Ranson, managing director of Equitable Life, a highly successful mutual life insurer, believes that mutuality can be defended only if it delivers

benefits to customers at minimum cost.

To justify their existence, some societies are offering special deals to savers and borrowers. But these loyalty packages are insufficiently eye-catching, especially as there is often no guarantee that the discounts will continue. In the eyes of the average borrower, a slightly lower mortgage rate pales in comparison with a £1.200 parcel of free shares. The societies may deplore this irreverent attitude, but they themselves have a credibility problem. Bosses will extol mutuality's virtues in public, while, in private, discussing conversions and takeover opportunities with merchant bankers. Too often, the chief executive's impassioned plea for mutuality sounds more like an apologia for his own well-paid job.

Meanwhile, as every carpetbagger knows, every conver-sion to date has been preceded with vehement denials from the society's executives.

There is a case for mutuality. But it is the responsibility of the building societies to present it in a coherent fashion. Nothing will be achieved by deploring the actions of speculators who are acting in a commercial fashion, just like a building society boss negotiating his next pay rise, in fact.

#### OFT lends hand to borrowers

t last, the Office of Fair Trading has spoken out against some of the nastler practices of the mortgage lenders that deal with low-income households (see this page). It has threatened to withdraw the credit licences of those companies that double interest rates for borrowers a few days late with their repayments and impose huge penalties on those with the temerity to repay their loans early. These penalties are a means of preventing borrowers from escaping to other lenders where they will be treated with more understanding. You will be surprised to learn that these practices, described by the OFT as "deceitful and oppressive", are entirely legal and will remain so. If the OFT removes licences from these companies, they will be barred only from taking on new customers. They will be free to continue dealing with existing borrowers.

In spite of the introduction this year of a mortgage code, mortgages are unregulated. The Government proposes to bring them within the new investor protection system. But that change will do nothing for those already driven out of

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Muted voice on mutuality Caroline Merrell looks into the new bank's certificate and pricing problems

## We're with the Woolwich but where are the shares?

he Woolwich flotation faced further controversy this week as questions were raised about the initial high price of the stock. Shares in the new bank

have now fallen more than 20 per cent in the formight since its flotation, even though the stock market broke a record this week, racing towards the 5,000 level. Hundreds of private individuals who bought shares on the first day of trading must be particularly vexed about the plunging share price.

For example, investors using ShareLink, the executiononly stockbroker, bought a total of £3.6 million worth of shares on the first day of dealing. The average price paid for shares was about 360p, while the average purchase was around £3,000. These shareholders will have lost £600 on their investments.

Private client stockbrokers have expressed concern about the pricing of the issue. According to an inside source, some of the 15 market-makers who were dealing with the shares were amazed by the price set by BZW, the adviser to the Woolwich. They expected the stock to be priced at about 330p. Instead it opened at 378p and then fell rapidly to 334p, as the market-makers refused to support the inflated

The price then continued to fall to mirror a series of auctions held after each of the first four days of trading. These were held to get rid of the 370 million shares from the Woolwich savers and borrowers who wished to sell their shares straight away. Those buying through the auctions, the institutions, bid a price that was based on the closing price of the previous day's trading. BZW defended its bandling of the share sale in this way, claiming it was the only way to ensure a

Among the biggest losers from the rapidly plunging shares will be the hundreds of Woolwich customers who have not yet received their share certificates because of administrative and computer delays. Some are now pressing for compensation as they missed out on the high first-

According to the Woolwich, all share certificates should been sent out on July 4, it time for the first day of trading on July 7. Among those who have not received their share certificates is Maurice Raison, from Farnborough in Kent. He is due 842 shares from the Woolwich: He said: "I went in to my branch in Orpington on the first day. They could not help, so I phoned the head office, who told me to phone Lloyds Registrars, despite ten or 15 attempts I have not been. able to get through."

certificates. "I am entitled to 450 free shares but have received no communication since January 1997. 1 rang the confidential information line



Amanda Clough wants to know which would be the best windfall holding to sell to help to finance a holiday

Paul Kavanagh, a partner with Killik &

Co, another broking firm, said: "Norwich

Union shares are worth holding on to,

The building society windfall bon-anza means for the first time that millions of people now hold banking or insurance shares. Now many are wondering whether they should become long-term investors or look for opportunities to sell.

Amanda Clough, a reader from Win-chester, is pondering whether to sell one of her three windfall holdings. She said: My husband and I received free shares in the Alliance & Leicester, Halifax and Norwich Union. Our shareholding in each is worth approximately £1,500. If we wanted to pay for a £1,500 holiday,

shares." Alan Middleton, who

has yet to get share certificates,

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to be told that the share

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A Woolwich member, based

while it might be advisable to sell off one of the banking shares." He pointed out that Halifax shares had been valued at Stevenage has been sent the wrong share allocation packs pened until June 20, 1997, 1 wrote to Sir Brian Jenkins on two occasions. He is still with all the details. The chairwaiting for share certificates. man has neither acknowl-He said: "My wife and I are now due a total of 2,080 edged nor replied to my letter

to date."

He said: "On July 4, I rang again and spent about 15 minutes talking to an official on the conversion helpline and urged the society to send me my share certificates as quickly as possible." He finally received details of his share allocation on July 11.

He continued: "I would like the Woolwich to make up the difference between the share price, when the trading opened on July 7 (3672p) and the share price of the day I finally get my share certifi-

The Woolwich will not dmit how many people have been affected by the delays in sending out share certificates. About 700,000 of its 2.5 million members opted to use share certificates rather than go through the corporate nominee account offered by the society.

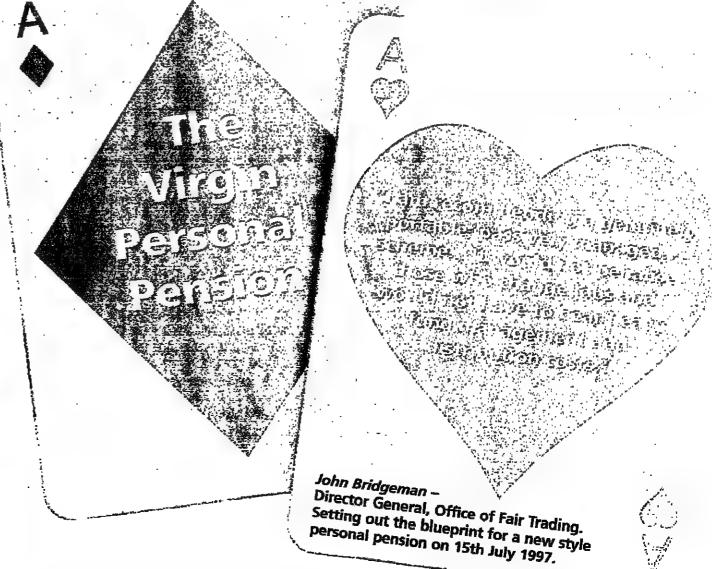
A spokesman said that there was always bound to be a number of losses through the post. The society claimed that would not be charging for on June 13 and was assured that the problem would be replacement certificates if the actioned. As nothing haporiginals falled to turn up.

which one of the shares should we sell?" about £4 a share before flotation - they Stockbrokers say that the two banking are now trading at about \$7.60 per share. shares of the Alliance & Leicester and the Mr Kavanagh advises Mrs Clough to sell Halifax are extremely overpriced, when the Halifax shares to fund her family's compared with equivalent shares, such as holiday. He added that Alliance & Abbey National, Jeremy Batstone, of Leicester shares might also benefit from Natwest stockbrokers, said: "The Halisome takeover premium. fax, for instance, is trading at an 18 per cent premium to the market."

Justin Urquhart Stewart, Bardays stockbrokers' managing director, said: " think it is advisable to hold on to the Norwich Union shares. There are too many banks in this country. Alliance & cester and Halifax look too overvalued at this moment." He, too, advised







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## Sara McConnell looks into a case of records destroyed by the State

## Home service lost



he state pension is hardly going to make anyone rich beyond the dreams of avarice. Which is all the more reason why losing any part of it is a serious matter.

Two years ago Pensions Postbag exposed the case of Mary Ann Smith, who nearly lost more than a quarter of her pension entitlement because the Benefits Agency had failed to give her credit for the ten years she had spent at home bringing up her family.

Now Susan Robinson, a Weekend Money reader, finds herself in a similar position. Six years of pension credits earned under the Home Responsibilities Protection (HRP) scheme while bringing up her two children have mysteriously disappeared from her record. If they cannot be restored, she stands to lose £10 a week of her pension.

Like Mrs Smith, Mrs Robinson has been told by the DSS that no records exist of her child benefit hecause these are rounnely destroyed five years after the last payment. This means there is no way of checking entitlements. Thou-sands of other women could be losing out with no way of proving that they have a right to the money.

Mrs Robinson's husband, Guy. writes: "My wife retires in September this year and has six years of HRP missing. We have been trying to overcome this with the Benefits Agency and The Contributions Agency without success.

"All the Department of Social Security people have been sympathetic and agree that her pension ought to benefit from the missing years of HRP, but all to no avail so far,

The child benefit centre in Washington can find no record of her child benefit payments before 1986. They say that it is quite normal for old records to be destroyed to 'make space' and they receive many letters such as hers, because of HRP entitlement, "I feel there must be many

people losing part of their pension entitlement, perhaps without even knowing it, because of missing HRP entitlement.

Pensions Postbag replies: THRP remains an undeserv-edly obscure part of the state pension system. Since 1978, anyone (in practice, usually a woman) bringing up children and claiming child benefit should automatically be entitled to credits on their state pension for each full tax year.

The big problem is that the paying out of child benefit and the keeping of contribution records are carried out by two separate offshoots of the DSS. The Benefits Agency pays out the child benefit. The Contributions Agency keeps the records and calculations.



Women who stay at home to raise children and who claim child benefit are entitled to have state pension credits

But no one seems to be sure who is ultimately responsible for getting the correct information into the system to calculate your pension. With HRP, it is vital that your child henefit claims are correctly recorded because this triggers

HRP and dictates how much pension you will get. What is clear is that the Benefits Agency destroys records. making it almost impossible to check back. The Contributions Agency can refuse to grant you HRP without

records You claimed no child benefit for two years between 1984 and 1986 because you were abroad and this seems to be when things started to go

Neither the Benefits Agency nor the Contributions Agency vill discuss your case directly. But now there could be some hope that your child benefit reference number itself demonstrates that you claimed the benefit before 1986. Apparently it is an old style number. which could back up your

## Knight Williams saga plods on

Continued from page 29 wrong in principle. They also claim that about 400 to 500 applicants have incurred no

Mr Egerton claims that the slowness of the ICS has been the limiting factor so far. The ICS, which has to present each recommendation in a way that would hold up in a court of law, says that it has had difficulty getting the relevant investment performance information from third parties. The Personal Investment Authority has given similar

reasons for its poor progress in resolving the pensions mis-selling crisis. The ICS says that a further 100 cases are now 90 per cent of the

Last week, Mr Egerton said that directors wanted to settle about 100 of the smallest claims with ex-gratia payments that would end the ICS involvement in these cases. It is extremely unlikely that this plan will be seen as acceptable by the ICS or investors.

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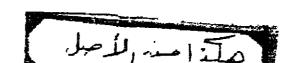
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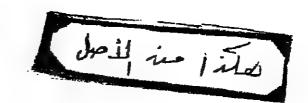
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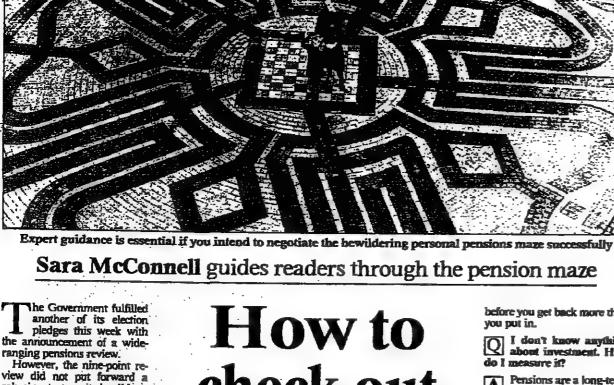


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mass market. The OFT concluded that "existing pensions" access to an employer's scheme but want to build up a pension, a personal pension is an obvious choice. Of course you can invest elsewhere, but pensions have the advantage that you cannot be tempted to private pensions. But there is take out the money before you an equally strong consensus that this is impossible withretire. They also still have generous tax relief. The trick is to pick the right one.

> But how do I do that? I Q don't even understand

> A One way is to go to an independent financial adviser. Choose a firm that charges fees, rather than working on commission. The IFA should carry out a thorough review of your finances before recommending a plan. Your local building society

or bank branch will sell only its own pension plans, generally not among the best deals on the market. Insurance company salesmen are similarly imited. But you can also do some research yourself. Mike Wadsworth, of Watson Wyatt, the actuary, says there are three key measures to considadministration.

How can I compare one How can a company's charges with A The best way is to get some quotations from

three or four insurers, says Stephen Cave, of Moores Marr Bradley, an independent adviser. You can weed out the no-hopers by using regular surveys in reputable magazines such as Money Management. All providers have to pro-

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I don't know anything about investment. How do I measure it?

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I've had my pension for three years but I feel I was pushed into it by the salesman and I'm not happy. Should I cut my losses and

A Check your last state-ment. There should be two figures showing the amount your pension is worth and the amount you would get if you transferred the money. If your insurer is levying hefty charges, you may find your pension is not worth much because most of it will have gone to pay set-up costs. Your transfer value will be even less because the company will claw back its expenses

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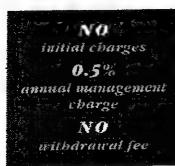
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Jill Insley looks at a complex scheme that tracks three major market indices

## Investment requiring 20/20 vision

fter several years of strong growth in the United Kingdom and United States stock markets, some investors are wondering whether it is time to move their money elsewhere. Others are scared to sell up now in case they miss out on any further growth that the two markets

Johnson Fry, the indepen-dent financial adviser, hopes 20/20 Hindsight. But in the Trading has called for simpler investment products. Johnson Fry has produced one of the most complicated yet seen by private investors.

The scheme aims to track the movement of three major indices - the S&P 500 in the US, the FTSE 100 in the UK and the Nikkei 300 in Japan. What makes the scheme much more unusual is the way that investors benefit from any rises in the three markets. Johnson Fry will apply the movement of the best-performing index to 50 per cent of the ment of the second best-performing index to 30 per cent of the investment, and the movement of the third index to the



If one or more of the indices falls, this is subtracted from the upward movement in the other indices. But even if the total movement is negative, the investor will still get his or her original investment back after five and a half years.

Johnson Fry claims that this means investors will enjoy all the upside of a global stock market investment, without any of the downside risk.

However, Johnson Fry gives a warning that 20/20 Hind-sight should be regarded as a fixed-term investment, investors who encash their money before February 20, 2003, may not receive the full amount that was originally invested. Investors will buy shares in

20/20 Hindsight, which is a ended investment company listed on the Irish Stock Exchange. Its European Union location means that ors can take advantage of a loophole in personal



Will investors' eyes, with Hindsight, focus on London, New York or Tokyo?

the shares in either a single

company or general Pep. Some independent financial advisers have recommended pension holding for investors who are nearing retirement. Douglas Gardner, of Thornson Financial Planning Con-sultants, says that the shares could be incorporated into selfinvested or self-administered pension schemes. He says: We recognise that there is no guarantee that stock markets are going to continue going up as they have done, and they might well come down. But the scheme is a good way of

while providing a hedge against stock market falls." However, Graham Hooper, of Chase de Vere Investments. is nervous about investing in the US and UK markets at their peak. "I also see no reason why Japan should start running away now. The Japa-nese Government has tried

cess," he says.
The 20/20 Hindsight sales literature points out that the three markets have performed ell over most of the five and a half year periods since 1970. But Mr Hooper adds: There are periods of time when formulaic investments just

John Edwards, a consultant with Berry Birch & Noble. says that he has recommended Johnson Fry products to clients in the past, but has decided not to use 20/20 Hindsight, He says: "I thought it was ingenious, but rejected it on the grounds that it was so sophisticated. It would be difficult to explain and didn't have the outstanding attraction to make the effort worthwhile."

The fact that derivatives are used to produce the growth for 20/20 Hindsight could prove to be the final deterrent for many investors, Essentially, many investors. Essentially. Johnson Fry is asking investors to place their faith in complex financial contracts that have left leading financial institutions floundering. The latest example was NatWest Bank, which lost £77 million and a lot of credibility - on its



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after, up to a maximum £58.75. Buying and selling shares within the Pep costs 2 per cent of deals up to £500 and 0.5 per cent thereafter. By contrast the Woolwich single company Pep

charges I per cent. The Woolwich is also offer ing the UK Stockmarket Fund Pep. This is a general Pep for their Woolwich shares for units in a fund investing in take a 3 per cent slice of your windfall before it invests. It then charges 1.25 per cent a year. If you opted to receive a Woolwich share certificate, thinking that you would sell your shares immediately but have been disappointed by the fall in the share price, you can change your mind and trans-fer into the Woolwich Pep facility at no cost.

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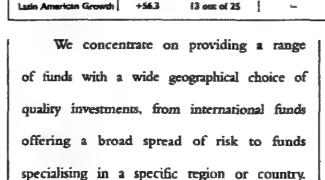
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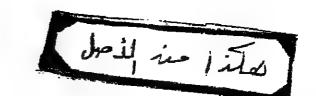
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## Regular income and capital growth make an odd couple

The abolition of dividend tax

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taxpayers, says Gavin Lumsden

nvestors, large and small. are still coming to terms with the new era ushered in by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, in his Budget three weeks ago. Each day new repercussions emerge of his single most important mea-sure, the abolition of the divi-

By abolishing tax credits on dividends, Mr Brown reduced the amount of income all shareholders could receive from equities by 20 per cent. Pension funds and companies have had to start paying the tax-immediately, while private investors and personal equity plan holders, who have enjoyed a decade of tax breaks, have

been given a two-year reprieve.
At a stroke, Mr Brown polarised the entire investment world into two groups, with opposing aims, those seeking to grow their capital and those wanting a regular income from their assets. While the former's best bet over the long term remains to stay in equities, the situation is more complex for income seekers. By taxing the income from equities, the Chancellor has made gilts and bonds more attractive than ever before. Gilts and bonds are basically IOUs issued by the Government and compamies that pay fixed levels of interest to investors who lend them money. At the end of the loan they return the money to investors. The income, or yield, from gilts and bonds was untouched by the Chancellor and is one of the reasons they are coming back in favour. Any capital growth is also free of capital gains tax.

This is a sea change for investors, likely to reverse decades of investor behaviour. Unlike their European and American counterparts, UK investors have traditionally shied away from We asked a number of ana-

new environment. .... Bill Mott, manager of the Credit Suisse Income unit trust, says that over the next year he plans to increase his investment in income yielding bonds and convertibles to 25 per cent of his portfolio. The remainder will go in shares in companies he thinks will provide capital growth. He recommends investors do the same. "Instead of leaving £50,000 in an equity income fund put -£20,000 in a growth fund and £30,000 in gilts and bonds."Dr Most says the abolition of the



Fund managers, like The Odd Couple, are having to reach a fresh accommodation

dividend tax credit is part of the Labour Government's strategy ment culture in the UK. "The Government's, philosophy is that companies should reinvest bonds as they have seen their that companies should reinvest returns annihilated by inflation. In their besiness not issue dividends to investors. They term and get their growth free now adopting to cope with the of capital gains tax in return. By definition, income investors, who are buying a stock because it is temporarily at a 25 per cent yield, are value investors with no long-term interest in the company. The Government wants them to look to gilts and

> bonds instead." Figures from the authoritative BZW Equity Gilt study suggest that the Chancellor may get his way. After years of achieved a remarkable recovery in the 1990s and have started to attract investors.

inflation is the enemy of all fixed-interest instruments, as gilts and bonds are sometimes called. In the postwar period inflation was high and decimated the value of the unchanging income investors in

By contrast, shares com-bined good capital growth and rising income in the form of dividends. For example, investors who bought £100 of shares in 1945 and consistently reinvested the dividends in more shares would have held £1,376 by 1990, after the rise in the cost of living is taken into account. The £100 of gilts would have slumped to £57. a dismal performance. In the past seven years, however, the picture has changed as inflation has stayed consistently low. Although shares have continued their turbo-charged

the £57 worth £99 by last year. Pension funds, those investment behemoths into which millions contribute their earnings, have played their part in this renaissance. As more of ment, an increasing number of funds have turned to the capital security offered by bonds. This

run, doubling in value, gilts

more buying of gilts and bonds. The long-term outlook for the sector is good as many believe the newly independent Bank of England will fulfil its mission of controlling inflation. However, in the short term, interest rates are set to rise, making cash deposits more and more competitive against gilts and bonds. Another factor income-

initial and 0.75 per cent annual management charge. The Abtrust fund is unusual for taking its 1.25 per cent annual management charge from capital rather than from the income

proved popular with investors have also picked up speed, with since their arrival in 1995. Although they are promoted as a secure method of earning income, there are risks and disadvantages to this form of investment. A useful rule of higher the income, the greater the potential risk to your capital. In spite of their name, year's Pensions Act, which imposes strict minimum funding requirements on pension funds, has encouraged even

corporate bond Peps can invest in a wide variety of assets. Those investing in preference shares, which guarantee to pay a dividend to their holders, and convertibles, bonds that can be turned into shares, are generally considered to involve more risk. Although the income can be good, the prospect for further income and capital growth is poor. If this is what you want an equity income fund is still attractive, even after the Bud-

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The present system of pension provision was condemned as being expensive and inadequate by the Office of Fair Trading on Tuesday. The findings of a ten-mouth inquiry said that many personal pension plans represented poor value and company schemes based on final salary discriminated against early leavers.

■ Investors were urged by Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Affairs Minister, to steer clear of "easy money" schemes

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company investigations. It also emerged that the number of insider-dealing inspections dealt with by DTI investigators rose from 13 to 21 last year.

Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, announced a review of pension provision with the aim of helping low-paid workers. The basic state pension and Serps will be covered in the review, which will focus on plans for a

"stakeholder" second pension and a separate citizenship pension. Women who spend several years out of work would be entitled to pension credits under the proposals.

■ The Halifax increased its standard variable rate on Thursday by 0.25 per cent to 8.2 per cent, in line with last week's rise in base rates. Nationwide increased its rate by 0.35 per cent to 7.85 per cent, its first rise in two months.

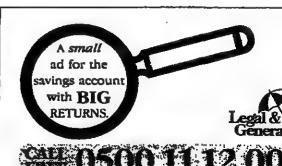
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with their generous tax breaks are infinitely beguiling. But many hang back from taking advantage of these concessions as they wor-ry about the security of their cash and the ire of the Inland Revenue. Paul Freeman, of Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy firm, points out. The tax advantages may look attractive but, historically, charges on many offshore products tend to be higher, though they are starting to come down." Performance of offshore funds may also be inferior and it is certainly more difficult to monitor. The net effect of these factors can offset the tax benefits. To help you towards a better understanding of the offshore investment scene, our special twopage report covers the schemes and their advantages and disadvantages. Below we answer your questions on the

Can offshore havens help me to avoid tax?

Putting your money offshore will not automatically mean that it escapes the taxman's clutches. As a general rule, all of a British taxpayer's income is liable to UK tax and must be declared, no matter where in the world it is earned. However, there are important weaknesses in the Inland Revenue's armoury

Tax is not paid on offshore

country. An offshore investment fund, for example, will accumulate free of tax until you decide to sell. If you are planning to retire abroad, you may eventually relinquish British resident status. In this case, you will be able to sell your holdings and the accumulated profits will escape UK tax.

Alternatively, you may be a higher-rate taxpayer whose income is likely to drop into the standard rate band after retirement. In this case, using offshore investments to defer your tax bill until after your income fails could cut the payment on returns from 40 to 23 per cent.

Another way in which offshore income can be realised free of tax is by transferring it to a dependant. Typically, a parent could set up a trust in a tax haven such as Guernsey, which would pay out an income to a child during its years at university. Provided this income was below the personal tax allowance of E4.045 per single adult, no tax would be paid.

The offshore tax system is highly complex, and the inland Revenue is sometimes reluctant to let individuals escape. "There are plenty of areas of offshore tax open to Revenue challenge, and my advice is to get hold of a good accountant to make yourself secure as possible," says David Kilshaw of KPMG.

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A Even if income from offshore investments must be brought into Britain in taxable form, there are still advantages to be gained. Because no tax is paid while your money is overseas, most offshore investment funds do not pay out dividends, but 'roll up" or reinvest income. Investments that are allowed to accumulate gross grow faster than those that have to pay tax on returns. Since most offshore funds can invest in the same stocks as UK trusts, in theory you can hold an identical portfolio but add

Can I make use of offshore havens if I have

A Offshore widely regarded as the widely regarded hurt this is Offshore centres are preserve of the rich, but this is misleading. In fact, offshore investment can start with a building society account. These are offered by high street names such as Abbey National. Alliance & Leicester, the Halifax and the Woolwich. Interest is paid free of income tax, but once it is declared by the bank or building society, it becomes liable for UK tax and has to be declared on your tax return. The advantage of these accounts is that saving rates can be higher than those onshore. UK insurance companies also have offshore operations offering investment bonds and life policies, which can be used to shelter capital from enshore taxes.

Will my money be safe if I put it offshore?

Many offshore invest-Many outside as their ments are as safe as their UK equivalents. In the case of building societies or insurance companies, there is little difference in security between an account in a company's off-shore subsidiary and another. at a mainland branch. Howvers savers should note that an offshore account does not confer the same membership rights as one based in Britain, find themselves left out of

demutualisation windfalls. Offshore investment funds: may also be as safe as onshore unit or investment trusts, but there are exceptions. The Securities and investment Board (SIB) offers guidelines to help sift these out. Investors who wish to be sure they are buying a product that meets British standards can restrict their holdings to companies "recognised" by the SIB. These are regulated locally, but are

judged to be as well-controlled as funds in the UK, and many funds in the Channel Islands. the Isle of Man and Bermuda are included in this category. However, investors should be aware that the safety net is less broad offshore than it is at hame. The Investor Compensation Scheme, the last-ditch resource if matters go wrong in the UK, is not available for most offshore investors.

Can people living outfrom offshore holdings?

A Those living abroad can place their money in offshore havens and obtain the same tax advantages as UK residents. However, in some countries there are exchange controls that limit the outflow of capital. Before the end of apartheid, there were South Africa, and British people living there found it difficult to get their money out of the country. South African law has been liberalised to the extent that ron-residents no longer find their investments restricted. However, those who become classified as residents are still limited to a £25,000 per year investment in other countries. If you live oversess, it is advisable to check whether there are exchange controls in place.

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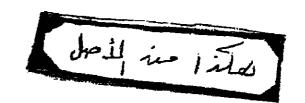
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# Try fishing offshore for the best catches

There is a wide and be-wildering variety of offshore schemes on offer for UK investors. Sold by companies based in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Dublin and Luxembourg, the main selling point of all these invest-

ments is their tax advantage. Scottish Life International has recently announced an investment bond — the Self Investment Portfolio, aimed at UK investors concerned about the complexities of self-assessment. John Allison, of Scottish Life, says the bond not only enables investors to manage their portfolios "tax-efficiently with a minimum amount of paperwork", but "the income need not be declared on self-assessment returns as offshore bonds are treated as 'non-income producing assets' by the Revenue".

However, Paul Freeman, of Coopers & Lybrand, the accountants, says prospective investors should be cautious. He said: "There may be changes to the tax treatment of offshore bonds in future. The previous Government had already started the process of reviewing life assurance taxation and the current Government is looking even more closely at the off-

The main types of offshore nvestments are:

Unit trust type funds. These are available in various offshore centres and have a variety of names. The first funds were set up in the Channel Islands, then a number of managers formed funds Luxembourg, known as SICAVs, to sell to European

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Now could be a good time to consider such funds, according

to Philip Saunders, of Guinness Flight: "Sterling is

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■ Offshore funds often have an umbrella structure, meaning managers run one fund that is split into a number of

sub-funds. Many funds work on a single-price system, rather than having a bid and offer price as they do onshore. The tax treatment of an offshore 6 Roll-up funds fund pends on can be used

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investor need not pay any tax on a roll-up fund until it is cashed in. Income tax then becomes payable on the gain. So roll-up funds are a useful way to defer tax. If the investor subsequently moves out of the UK, no tax may be payable.

Roll-up funds can be used by parents investing money for their children. In a UK fund the investment income would be taxable as the parents' income. Offshore the money can be left to roll up gross. When the

fund." High-yielding offshore gilt and fixed-interest funds such as the Murray Financials Bond fund can also be attractive for UK investors. investors may be concerned about the security of offshore funds. Although funds in offshore centres such as the Channel Islands, Dublin and Luxembourg are subject to

> the UK, they do not all have compensation schemes. However, providing funds are purchased through an independent financial adviser based in the UK, the investor is still covered by the Investors' Compensation Scheme.

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Lovestment bonds. These are single-premium life assurance

companies based in the Isle of Man. Many are the international subsidiaries of wellknown UK companies such as Eagle Star, Scottish Life or Sun Life. The bonds are used as wrappers" for a variety of investments. The minimum investment in these bonds is often £50,000. For even wealthier investors there are "highly

personalised" bonds, which also enable individual stocks and shares and gilts to be held. The attraction of the bonds is that there is no tax to pay until you cash in. All gains within the bond roll up free of tax. and investments can be bought and sold within the bond without incurring a capital gains tax hability. Under current law, UK investors can also withdraw up to 5 per cent of their original investment without having to pay tax at the time. If

bond is encashed, income tax may be payable. The snag with this is that the taxation of life assurance is currently under scrutiny and the tax treatment of withdrawals in particular could change. There may also be a change in the rules covering similar offshore bonds, known as redemprion bonds, that can currently be passed on after the death of the policyholder to beneficiaries without liability for income tax or inheritance

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tax in some cases. Another disadvantage is that the charges on these bonds can be heavy, especially in the early years. In terms of investor protection, the Isle of Man has a policyholder compensation scheme that is on a par with that of the UK.

Closed-end funds. These are

offshore funds that are similar to investment trusts. Many are described as "single country funds" as they often invest in individual emerging economies. They are often situated offshore for tax reasons, for example, due to double taxation agreements with the countries concerned, or because they wish to have their shares denominated in dollars. Although some of these funds are listed by the Association of Investment Trust Companies (AITC) in its monthly information service, they are aimed mainly at institutional, rather



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David Kilshaw, tax partner at KPMG, says that the Channel Islands tend to be the first choice for UK investors, although some may favour the Bahamas for trust work designed to protect assets from inheritance and other capital

The Channel Islands, he says, are also less likely now to be roped into any UK exchange controls, a fear that has traditionally sent some investors further

He says that many investors have been reconsidering their offshore investment strategies since the election, but merely as a routine reassessment.

The Irish Republic henefits from a highly educated workforce and a host of tax incentives that have brought in big name institutions. There is also the consid-

erable fun to be had in flying to Dublin to meet your advisers or bankers. A sunny tax haven has similar secondary attractions. Bermuda, which has arguably displaced London as the world's insurance centre, is well thought of in the Caribbean region.

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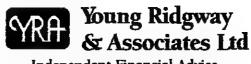
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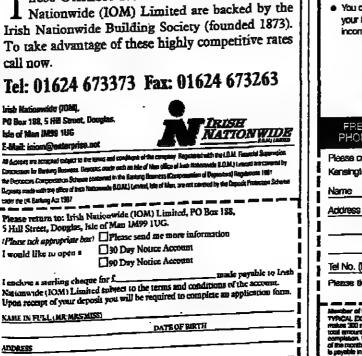
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■ The Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority (Opra) has issued a new guide to help pension scheme trustees to understand their role within the new regulatory framework for occupational pension schemes it explains the basic principles of pension scheme trusteeship covering many of the legal requirements with which trustees must now comply. Copies may be obtained from Opra (01273 627600).

■ A new Internet version of Datastream/ICV's Market-Eye equity data and news service for private investors with an interest in the UK markets is now available on www.market-eye.co.uk. Investors can browse the Market-Eye website to receive an in-

or eighties and seeking to raise additional income or capital, as viewing real-time prices. Market-Eye Internet Investor is free while Market-Eye Internet Premium will be subscription only.

> ■ With the introduction of Johseeker's Allowance, the unjob-seeking rules and 700,000 find themselves referred to compulsory schemes or losing benefit. Two books have been produced that will help to guide those affected through the maze of new legal regulations. The Unemployment and tions. The Unemployment and Training Rights Handbook is priced at £9.95, and Guide to Training & Benefits for Young People is priced at £6.95. Both can be bought together at a cost of £15.95, including p&p. from the Unemployment Unit, \$22.5t. John. Street. London. 322 St John Street, London ECIV 4NT.

■ The book aimed at helping children to manage money (Weekend Money, July 12) is Kid's Guide to Making Money and Keeping It! by Judy Bastyra, published by Bloomsbury Books, £4.99. Children's

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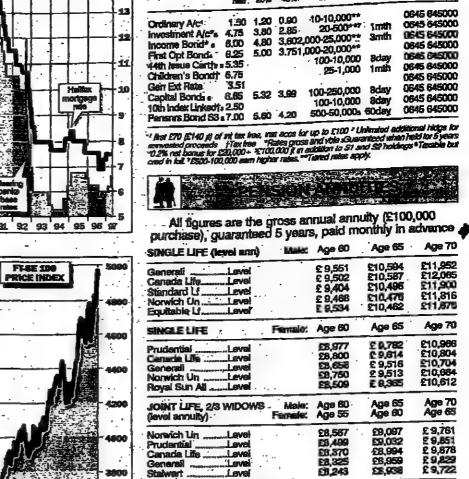
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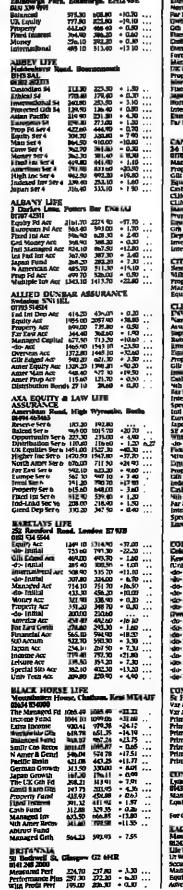
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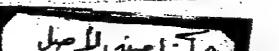
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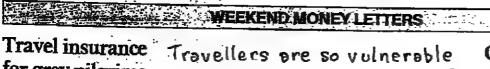






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for grey pilgrims From Miss M. J. L. Jenner Sir, I read your article on holiday insurance (June 28) with great interest as a friend, aged 74, and I. 67, are using our Eurostar offer tickets from The Times next month for a three-night/four-day Paris jaunt, and I have been asking down the high street for insurance quotes, which ranged from £16.50 to a staggering £59 at Thomas Cook!

Insurance companies are probably reluctant to admit to being on to a good thing, but I do wonder whether from your statistical knowledge you find the heavy weighting against over-65s justifiable. While the aged section of the population as a whole may not be a good insurance risk, my observation suggests that those who are nervous about their blood pressure or foreign ways ei-ther go to Bournemouth or stay at home. The wanderers are usually fit, experienced, resourceful and adequately funded. We do not lie under a tropical sun for ten hours, leave our valuables in hostel dormitories, or get drunk in

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Yours faithfully,

18 Towton Avenue,

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From Mrs K. E. Myers Sir, In company with J. R. Thompson (Weekend Money

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From Mr J. Trayner

Sir, The proposal by the Asso-ciation of British Insurers that

non-earning spouses should be allowed to contribute to a

pension should be rejected by

the Government. It would not

help those who have the

greatest pension need, but

would simply give a further tax break to the better off.

Does the ABI seriously ex-

pect someone on say £15,000

and struggling with a mort-gage to be able to make significant contributions on

behalf of their partner? On the

other hand, it would be an

extremely attractive proposi-

tion for someone earning

£100,000 to pay maximum

will bend over

Pensions and non-earning spouses

generally more careful of their possessions and prudent in their behaviour than their juniors. I think that a campaign on behalf of the grey band of pilgrims is overdue! Yours faithfully, M. JENNER, 173 Farnaby Road, Bromley,

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There is no mystery about having sufficient income in

retirement, all you need to do

is save enough money while you are working. The problem

comes when there isn't much

money to invest. This point is

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reformers, whose well-mean-

ing proposals would simply

mean that more help was

channelled to those who need

If reform is to be of any

value it must encourage those

who are currently least able to

make pension provision to do

so. At the same time, it must

avoid giving more help to those who are already able to

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make ample provision. Yours faithfully, JOHN TRAYNER,

21 Audley Close, St Ives, Huntingdon,

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From Mr R. J. Tarrani Sir, Like Dr P. Brooks (Weekend Money Letters, July 12), 1 too, have experienced the mer-cenary lash of Lloyds Bank in its levying of interest on

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R. TARRANT, 104 Long Road. Cambridge.

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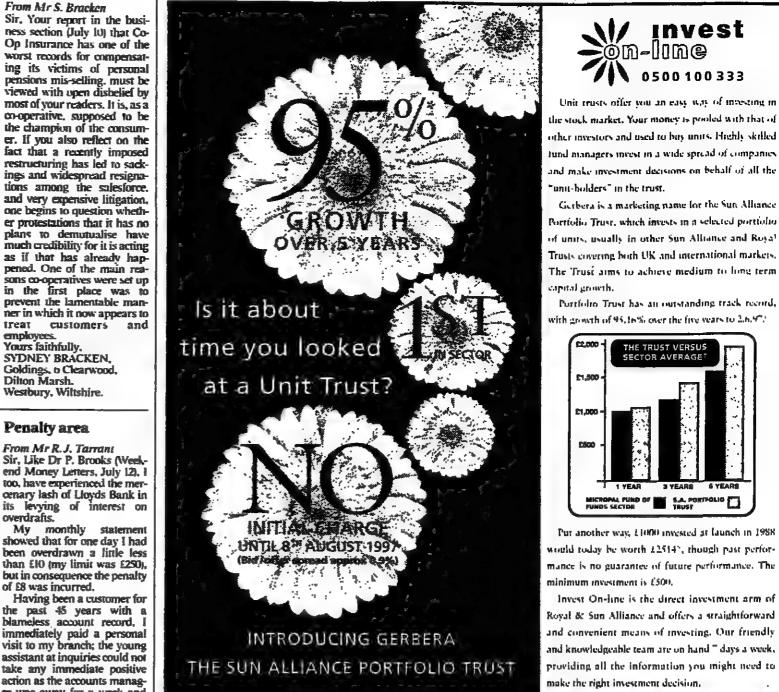
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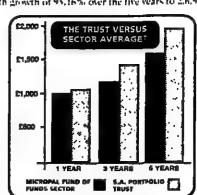
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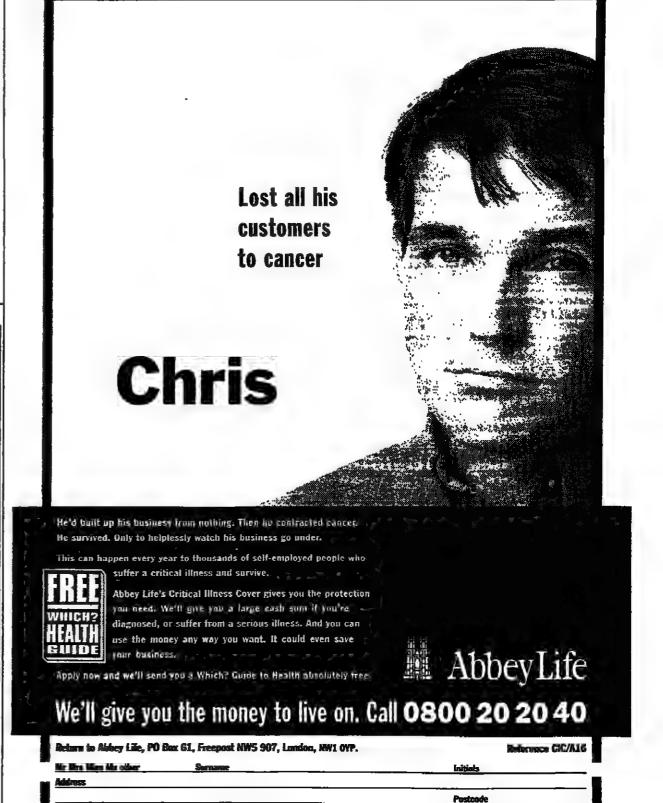


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## Ella to strike winning note at Newbury

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

Dandridge married last autumn, their friends and fellow jazz enthusiasts, Roger and Amanda Simmons, gave them an original present - a quarter share in a yearling out of The Queen Of Soul.

The Brussels-based newlyweds were asked by their fellow owners to think of a suitable name for the filly. Given the dam and her sire -Chief Singer - the almost inevitable outcome was Ella. in recognition of Ella Fitzgerald, the most popular jazz singer of her generation who had died a few months earlier.

Trained by Lord Huntingdon, the filly made her debut at Windsor last month and, despite not impressing paddock watchers at the Thamesside track, she struck the right notes during the race, winning at 16-1 in a decent time. The Dandridges watched the race in Brussels on Sky television. but this afternoon they will join the Simmons at Newbury where Ella lines up for the E50,000-added Weatherbys Super Sprint — by far the most valuable race of the day.

She faces formidable opposition, headed by Daunting Lady, who was third in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot and is trained by Richard Hannon. The East Everleigh handler has won

WHEN Ken and Marianne was first run in 1991 and also saddles Rejected, Dancing Icon and Phone Alex as he goes for a fourth success. Others entering calculations include the progressive Lord Kintyre, fourth in the Windsor Castle Stakes, Occhi Verdi, Stop Out. Prime Hand, the consistent Banningham Blade

and the improving Mysticism. However, the form of Ella's race, which looked above average at the time with thirdplaced Aurigny having previously filled the same spot

Bosra Sham will be ridden by Pat Eddery for the remainder of this season. Wafic Said, her owner, was not satisfied with the tactics used by Kieren Fallon when Bosra Sham finished third in the Coral Eclipse Stakes.

in the Windsor Castle Stakes. now looks rock solid with fourth-placed Whisky Mac having defied a big weight to win a nursery in taking style at Leicester on Thursday.

Although she is not an extravagant worker on the West lisley gallops, Ella is going the right way and, with further improvement expected on only her second outing, she has a decent each-way chance. In a different way, Captain Scott also amounted to a

present as the Polar Falcon gelding was given by Peter Player, of Whatton Manor Stud. to Jeremy Glover, who in turn passed him on to a grateful syndicate of owners.

Somewhat to the surprise of connections, the three-year-old hacked up when making his debut on the all-weather at Southwell in March and showed that run was no fluke when finishing a good third at Pontefract the following month. However, his best performance came at York in May when he finished fifth in a competitive mile handicap.

Unfortunately, he was struck into during the race, but has made a full recovery and looks to have been placed to perfection in the Bute House Nursing Home Limited Stakes at Ayr this evening

Captain Scott has done two good pieces of work recently and should appreciate the step up to ten furlongs in a race where the Sir Mark Prescotttrained Ferny Hill looks the main danger. On the same card.

Stackattack makes a quick reappearance after winning a competitive handicap with something in hand at York last Saturday, and should be able to follow up off a 61b higher mark in the Rothmans Royals North-South Challenge Series Handicap (8.25).



Daunting Lady runs in today's valuable Newbury sprint. Photograph: Martin Lynch:

4.05 HAMMINGTON HANDICAP

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4.35 LEVY SOARD SEVENTH RACE HANDICAP (25,394: 1m 1f) (13 runners)

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1.30: Trans Island is the best of those with racing experi-ence, having finished second to the well-regarded Cape Verdi at Newmarket before justifying odds-on favouritism here in a slowlyrun race five weeks ago. Peter Chapple-Hyam, who trains Cape Verdi, should know where he stands with his newcomer Dark Moondancer and, given the Manton trainer's excellent strike rate with two-year-old debutants, especially at this track, the Anshan colt is a tentative choice. Quintus, who cost \$85,000 as a year-

2.00: Jayannpee won this race a year ago but, after a promising seasonal reap-pearance at Goodwood, he has disappointed this term. By contrast, Averti, three lengths away in seventh spot 12 months ago, has thrived this season. He is arguably the form choice, having won a decent conditions event at Bath in April before running

ling, holds a Derby entry.

Nage CAPTAIN SCOTT (7.25 AVI) New best: Proud Native

(2.00 Newbury)

an excellent fourth last time out in the King's Stand Stakes over an inadequate five furlongs. He must go close but, with this season's older sprinters a rather moderate lot, it may be worth risking a less exposed three-

Both Hattab and Za-im won well last time and are improving, but I prefer the chance of Proud Native. runner-up in the group two Mill Reef Stakes here last year. He produced his best effort when chasing home Ya Malak at Sandown over five furiones two weeks ago. With today's extra furlong likely to suit, he should go well at decent odds.

2.30 see above .

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3.15: This revolves around the progress made by two unexposed daughters of Slip Anchor Fascinating Rhythm, at one time the

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TODAY'S RACING ON TELEVISION

Oaks favourite, has had her problems and is a risky proposition. Preference is for Kaliana, a half-sister to Kahyasi who has been working well since making an impressive debut at Chepstow. Should inexperience get the better of her, Besuchsmp Jade is the

3.45: Hayil showed plenty of speed to run fifth in the Coventry at Royal Ascot, but he could prove vulnerable in the closing stages to Prompt Delivery. This Zilzal colt holds entries in the Gim-crack and Middle Park, and Olivier Peslier - a significant booking - can get a nice lead from Hayil in the adjacent stall, leeband and Ouiver Tree are expected to benefit from the experience.

4.15: Speculator is fancied to elude the handicapper, who has only the limited evidence of a fluent Warwick win before him. He contested that maiden after a threemonth lay-off, while the Haggas string was badly out of sorts. His trainer, who won this last year with Missile, can now be counted upon to produce further improvement from this improving colt. Stilett won a good race over course and distance at the July meeting, but the form is suspect because of a slow pace. The Arondel trained challenger. Stanton Harcourt, who rather runs on his nerves, may be suited by dropping back in a mile.

4.45: Swynford Dream, especially if the rain stays away, has a much better chance — with Peslier booked — than his form figures might suggest. He Newcastle last time, but showed that he retains plenty of dash before folding. quickly in the closing stages. That was traced to a back problem, since treated, and be has dropped Illb while coming to hand this season.

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## NEWBURY

1.30 Trans Island 2.00 Proud Native 3.05 Victory Note 3.35 Germano 4.05 Kinnescash

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 MUGELLO. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.35 ANOTHER TIME (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIAM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.30 MTOTO DONMINGTON CASTLE CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £8,194: 71 str) (6 runners)

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2.00 RUHNART CHAMPAGNE HACKWOOD STAKES (Listed race: £12,178: 6l 8yd) (14 numers)

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#### 2.30 WEATHERBYS SUPER SPRINT (2-Y-0: £74,672: 5f 34yd) (25 runners)

unting Lady, 13-2 Rawringtom Blads, 7-1 She, 16-1 Lord Kintyee, Boardon Flank, Phone Al-Petarys, Salamonto, 14-1 others. 1998. MISS STANFER 6-2 D Harrison (14-1) R Harrion 14 nm

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3.05 ROSE BOWL STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O; £9,852; 6f 8yd) (7 runners)

3.35 STEVENTON STAKES

(Listed race: £12,490, 1m 2f 6yd) (5 runners) (2) A-3137 CAP JELICA 24 (CDF,C,S) (M Myes) A Charlion 5-9-6 . . . R Hagher (3) 540-211 GERMANO 58 (DF,S) (Beron G van Okrason) G Wrapy 4-9-6 . . . . M Halle (4) 1103-61 ARABIAN STORY 42 (F,G) (The Queen Lord Hart-Ingoon 4-9-2 . . . D Hambson (5) 2-144 GHATARS SC (C,G,S) (H A Halleton H Johnson S-7 . . . . . . R Halle (1) 412-106 ROYAL AMARETTO 27 (CDF,G) (Harlequar Pos) B Meetins 3-8-7 M Telebado BETTIME, 9-4 Royal America, 3-1 Arabian Stary 7-2 Cap Julices, 4-1 Germano E-1 Statass

1996: WALL STREET 3-8-7 J Red (9-2) S bin Screet 6 cm

## Toller gains narrow double

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JAMES TOLLER, the Whitsbury trainer, completed an acrossthe-card double yesterday when Roderick Hudson won over hurdles at Southwell and Literary Society took the sprint handicap at Newbury. Both horses scored by a short head. The trainer saddles Petarga in today's Weatherbys Super Sprint at

### MONDAY: Ayr (2.15), Southwell (AW 2.30), Beverley (Sky, 6.35), Windeon (Sky, 6.20). TUESDAY: Yarmouth (2.15), Worcee WEDNESDAY: Belli (2.15), Catteriok Bridge (2.30), Leicester (Sie, 6.30), Sendomi Park (Siy, 6.15)

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#### NEWMARKET

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2.10 Classic Find 2.40 Toujours Riviera

3.45 Hayli 4.15 Stanton Harcourt 4.45 Bowden Rose 3.15 STAR PRECISION (nap) Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Hayli, 4.15 Stilett.

**GOING: GOOD** 

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.10 FOOD BROKERS-GLOYSTARNE HANDICAP (£4,347, 1m 6f 175yd) (10 runners)

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2.40 INVESCO HANDICAP (£4,698 1m) (12 rumers)

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3.15 FOOD BROKERS APHRODITE STAKES (Listed race, £11,755: 1m 4f) (10 runners) BETTING: 7.2 Variations (Charleson, 9-2 Dark Dancer, 5-1 Arnot Loce, 8-1 Faccounting Strytten, 7-1 Advana 8-1 But Some 10-1 Catalot, 12-1 other.

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3.45 PRIMULA MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,305 6f) (12 runners)

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4.15 FOOD BROKERS ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST TROPHY 1004 (Handicap: 3-Y-0: £17,150 1m) (12 runners)

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3 (1) 3-3102 GENEROUS LIBRA 15 (6) (W Sad) 0 Lode 9-5

4 (2) 62-1105 STANTON HARCOURT 10 (6) (C Hamphro) J Dorber 9-5

5 (4) 05137 STILETT 9 (CDJ.5) (Southern Special 51) Corber 9-2

6 (5) 3125-326 NORONE MR NICEGALY 32 (6) (Mas C Worlds) E Hebra 9-2

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10 (6) 6-51046 NORONE MR (CDJ.) (A Hands Reson) 25 M - Pacification 9-1

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#### 4.45 CHEMIST BROKERS HANDICAP (£5,531: 5f) (11 runners)

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5.20 CHEMIST BROKERS MAIDEN STAKES

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☐ Godolphin yesterday confirmed that Gary Stevens will ride Predappio in the King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot next Saturday. John Reid will be aboard Swain with Olivier Peslier being lined up to ride Singspiel. Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Sheikh Mohammed, said: "It depends on whether Andre Fabre and Daniel Wildenstein will refease him as there's a group race in France on Saturday."

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CYCLING: LEADER STAMPS HIS MARK ON TOUR DE FRANCE

## Ullrich chases a legend

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN ST ETIENNE

JAN ULLRICH asserted his superiority over his Tour de France rivals here yesterday with the most dominant time-trial performance seen in the race since the legendary and defining victory in Luxem-bourg in 1992 by the five-times winner. Miguel Induráin.

Ullrich's masterful performance on a rain-swept mountain course that was thought likely to favour the specialist climbers, Richard Virenque, of France, and Marco Pantani, of Italy, confirmed that the German, 23, is Induráin's most likely successor as the next domi-

nant Tour champion.

Although Pantani, Virenque and Brarne Riis, the defending champion, gave their all on the 13kilometre climb to the crowdpacked Col de la Croix de Chabourer high above the Rhone valley. Ullrich's powerful style took him two minutes clear as he rode over the summit.

After changing to a heavier bike for the fast and wet descent back into St-Etienne, he caught and passed Virenque, who had started three minutes earlier, and disappeared into the distance.

"We took the decision to change bikes this morning." Ullrich said.
"I'm sure it made a big difference as there were still 30 kilometres to

Meanwhile, Chris Boardman was bartling to come to terms with his disappointing performance, largely attributable to the continuing pain from displaced vertebrae and torn back muscles he suffered

#### TOUR DETAILS

TWELFTH STAGE (Si Elienno, 55km time-trial): 1, J Ulinch (Ger, Telekom) Thr 16mm 24sec; 2, R Virenque (Fr, Festina) at 3min 04sec; 3, 8 Riis (Den, Telekom) 3/08; 4, A Otano (So, Banesso) 3/14; 5, M Peratiani (t. Mercatina Unio) 3/42; 6, F Cassgriande (1, Saeco) 3/56, 7, F Vanderbroucke (Bel, Mapa) 4/44; 8, Zusakuia; POL Mapoe) 4/50; 9, B Ziberg (Switz: Mercatione Unio) 5/00; 10, M Boogerd (Froi, Rebobank) 5/04; 11, JM Jernénez (Sp. Banesso) 5/19; 12, F Escartin (Sp. Kelme) 5/22; 13, L Brochard (Fr, Festina) 5/34; 14, J Pascuali (Sp. Kelme) 5/35; 15, P Jonice (Aus. Rabobank) 5/32; 23, C Boerdman (GB, GAN) 6/45; 65, M Scandri (GB, La Françaiso des Jaud 8/31 LEADING OVERALL POSTIONS: 1, Littore 6/thr tol, is colarion (ed., la Francisco des Jeucy 8:31 LEADING OVERALL POSITIONS: 1, Ultroh 61th 22mm-41sec: 2, Virenque et 5mm 42sec; 3, Otano 8/00; 4, Pris 8:01; 5, Partani 9:11; 74, Scandal et Ith 10min 25sec; 85, Boardman 1:17:27 Points classification: 1, Fzabel (Ger, Telekom) 272pts: 2, F Moncesani (Fr. GAN) 181; 3, J Bijlevers (Holl, 17M) 168, King of the mountains: 1, Virenque 252bts: 2, Brochard 185; 3, Ultroh 162 TODAY: Thisteneth states: 5, Filtenet In 1, Mana TODAY: Thirtsenth stage: St Etienne to L'Alge d'Huez (204km) Tomorrow: Fourteenth stage: Le

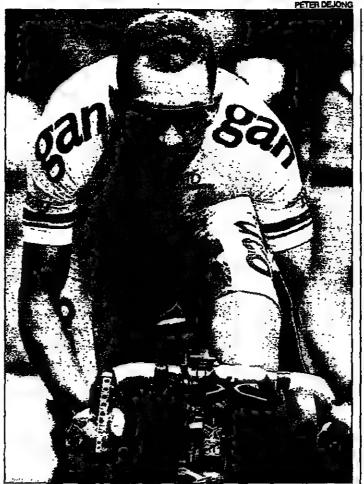
in a fall in the mountains. Today was painful physically and mentally - like somebody stubbing a cigarette out on my shoulders," Boardman said of his

55-kilometre ride. Things aren't going well already and this kind of pain is just rubbing my nose in it. On the climb and the descent, I had to stop peddling once or twice just to give my back a break." Boardman's discomfort was

such that he was unable to use his usual aerodynamic bike and had to revert to a more traditional road machine, "The pain in my back wouldn't allow me to get low enough to use my time-trial bike so we decided before the start that this would be the first time in my career that I ride a time-trial at less than flat out," he said.

With four days of Alpine stages now lying ahead of him, Boardman is resigned to suffering further pain as the Tour heads into its final

"I'm going to ride day by day and see what happens," he said. "But I'm determined to reach Paris because the kids will never forgive me if I don't get to Euro Disney."



Boardman soldiers on despite constant pain yesterday

BOXING

## American viewers get taste of Hamed

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NASEEM HAMED makes his first appearance on national free television in the United States tonight. His aim is to get maximum exposure so that in the near future he can be a pay-per-view boxer. ABC, the American television company, likes his style and believes that he has pay-per-view potential, but not before he has faced some solid opposition.

Alex Wallau, a commentator and analyst for ABC, which is putting on Hamed's defence of his World Boxing Organisation and International Boxing Federation titles against Juan Cabrera, of Argentina, at Wembley Arena, has always been impressed with the Sheffield showman. He believes that Hamed could be an outstanding talent, if he can prove himself against featherweights rated by American boxing followers.

"We have always wanted to put Naseem on, because he is an exciting fighter," Wallau said. "But it is important for him to be seen against opponents rated by US

fight fans. They don't mind show boating, but they don't want to see it against poor opponents, It appears mean-spirited if Hamed outspeeds and outpowers a guy in one round."

Wallau was not certain whether Cabrera, who has been brought in at seven days' notice, would further Hamed's reputation in the United States. "He's a typical Argentine fighter — strong, and likes to come in." Wallau said. "He has a solid punch, but he's not in Hamed's class. I only hope he can

put up a good fight."

ABC could do little about the choice of Cabrera, as the original opponent, Pastor Maurin, from the same stable, dropped out a week ago after suffering a cut eye sparring with Cabrera. It is unlikely that the bout will go

beyond the second round, Hamed's trainer. Brendan Ingle. thinks it will finish in the first round, but the champion promised to knock out Cabrera in the

2.20 Kindred Greeting. 2.50 Alborada. 3.25 Mazilia 4.00 Gharib. 4.30 Racing Heart. 5.00 Tancen.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

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11	23 777 12 K Burks 8-5" June 2010 1900 1900 1900
41.0	ch Choses, 9-2 Leging, Time To Time, 5-1 Zizs, Sant Ann, 7-1 others.

#### 3.10 CENTAUR SELLING STAKES

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1	0043	BERNARD SEVEN 12 (B,CD.F) M Dods 5-9-7 - Max Green
2		
- 5	360	LAB TEST 257 (F.S.) J Prot 5-9-7
- 2	4000	SAY HAMPSTAN PRINCE 15 P Brian 5-9-2 PI Canis
•	4000	PERS
- 6	0-08	SHARK 24 K Morgan 4-9-2
7		COCCIAL A 15 (13) FM S4 E WENTER 3-72
	2.00	DATE RUMANTE 15 (K Re) IN MISSIL PO-11 COMPANY
	-620	MARIE ROBERT O C. Illendrond E. Q. 41
9	0060	PERSIAN SUNSET 9 & Woodward 5-8-71 J Claim
10	0450	GROVEFAIR LAD 7 M Want 3-8-8 R Firensh &
10	UTICU	Company of the Company of the Control of the Contro

(3-Y-0: E	3,048: 1m 1i) (a)
2 00-3 3 36	BEACH BUDY J H Wison 9-0 Alex Great FANCY A FORTUNE 12 D Micholis 9-0 Alex Great IN THE GENES 21 J Eyrs 9-0 I Wishood 9-0 I Wish
	MARILAYA 10 L Cumani 8-9 R Firench ( 13-2 Fancy A Fortisse, 8-1 in The Genes, 16-1 Oct Futura,

NOTTINGHAM: 2.20 Kindred Greeting. 3.25 Flotilia. 4.00 i Can't Remember. 4.30 Salent Valley 5.00 Not Forgotten. Showcase, REDCAR: 8.15 Hot News RIPON: 2.35 Leotric. 3.40 Our Future. 5.10 MB End Boy. WARWICK: 7.05 Saint Albert. 7.35 Apache Star 8.05 Depreciate. 9.05 Pennys From Heaven.

## 4.00 LADIES DAY HANDICAP

1	건	MRJHTAFEL 28 (D,G) J Dunlop 9-7
2	6412	MOON BLAST 35 (D.F) Lady Herries 9-7 II Duffield 9
		TELEMANUA 21 (C.F) W Happer 9-4 F Lyoch &
4	3322	BURNONS TRUTH 63 (BF) R Charles 9-9 W J O'Countr 7
ě	30-4	NOMBIATOR LAD 24 B McMakon 3-11
6	-542	GHAPIB 14 A Stewart 8-8 Mr Roberts S
7	4006	I CAN'T REMEMBER 24 (V.BF.D.F.R.S) P Enge 8-8 JF Egan 8
		MIGHT CHORUS 14 (CD,S) 8 Robinel 8-4 M. Fembon 1
9	1180	MERCILESS COP 19 (B.D.F.S) B Manhan 7-13
		D D'Ocument (2) 1

#### 5-7 Milliams, (-2 Bergag Train, 3-1 Sairca, 5-1 Milliams, (-1 Milliams, 5-1 Milliams, 18-1 Remember. 8-1 Telements, 12-1 Milliamsker Lad, Might Chorus, 16-2 I Can't Remember.

	4.3	30	BEST DRESSED LADY CLAIMING STAKES	
	(3-Y-	0: £2	2,785: 1m 54yd) (11)	
١	1	12.0	BON GUEST B (CO.G) J O'Shee 9-5 D Griffon	3
	3	5005	TWO SELS 306 A Street 9-5	p
ı			RACING HEART 43 P Mater 9-0	
	5	0300	SILENT VALLEY 4 (V) Miss I, Suddel 8-12 Id Wight	
	7	-600	GEORDE LAD 33 J Bennet 8-9 M Fent TRALIAN SYMPHONY 14 P Euros 8-9 J F Ega	b
1	9	00-	APRIL IN PARIS 355 C James 8-6	ei H
Į	10	-803	BOBSITT 17 W James 8-8 M Robe	

5-2 Bon Guett, 4-1 Bobbit, 9-2 Feathers Counter, 13-2 Fails D'Moness, Racing Heart, Italian Symptomy, 12-1 Flood's Hot Staff, 14-1 citiess.
5.00 LADIES HI HALF PRICE
RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,693: 1m 1/ 219yd) (10)
1 0626 GET THE PORT 22 R Hollinshand 9-0 F Lyox 2 4440 NOT FORGOTTEN 18 (B) P Kellenny 8-0 M Wilding

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRANSERS: M. Promooti, 10 valueurs from 38 springers, 27 85; W. Panges, 6 from 23, 26.1%; A Hitle, 3 input 12, 25.1%; E Dunlog, 4 incen 17, 23.8%; Mire J Cacil. 6 local 30, 20.0%; P Marin, 7 incen 25, 20.0%; P Marin, 7 incen 25.
(OCCEYS: D Swammy, 2 wanters from 12 rivins, 25,0%; & Collinia, 16 from 117, 13,7%; & Harffin, 3 from 25, 12,0%; M Fernice, 10 from 80, 11.1%. Dely qualifiers.

☐ My Eruma, the Prix Vermeille winner, Classic Cliche.

5 Zizi. 3.10 sajoe. 4.40	Bernard Seven, 3.40 Merileye. 4. Sendmoor Chambrey, 5.10 Aque
een.	•

DRAW: 5F-8F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

## 2.35 LEEDS HOLIDAY CAMP MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,359: 5f) (11 runners)

2,	iUU: 1	m) (1U)
1	0043	BERNARD SEVEN 12 (B,CD,F) M Dods 5-8-7 . Alex Green
2		PRACTURE OF STATE OF
3	000-	PRST OPTION 268 (F.G.S) R Bastman 7-9-7 H Bastman (
3	4002	LAB TEST 267 (F.S)   Eyeb 5-9-7
6		ALLEGO AL V. Marrie 4.0.7
7	OS.	CDC(18] LK 15 ((3),FH.S) & WENTER 3-3-2
ð	-820	MALE REMEDIE TO COLOR 1 1 DOLE
9	0060	GROVEFAIR LAD 7 M Wane 3-8-8 R Firemen 6
10	0450	A 2 Demand Source 11-2 Karle Korneller, 6-1 Lab Test, 8-1 dill

#### 3.40 FORTE HOTELS MAIDEN STAKES

3-Y-0: £	3,048: 1m 1f) (5)
3 36 4 0-00	BEACH BUDY J H Whem 9-0 J Cer FANCY A FORTUNE 12 D Nicholis 9-0 Alex Geze BH THE GENES 21 J Eyre 9-0 M Gallon OUR FUTURE 56 (V) Ron Thompson 9-0 T Willie MARILAYA 10 L Current 8-9 R French 13-2 Fancy A Fothma. 8-1 in The Senes, 16-1 Our Future,
	13-2 Fancy A Pulling, Or III III III III
THE REAL PROPERTY.	

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2	D412	MOON BLAST 36 (D.F.) Lady Herras 9-7
3	3-65	TELEMANEA 21 (C.F) W Happas 9-4 F Lyoch
		SURPRING TRUTH 63 (BF) R Charles 9-9 _ W J O'Counce
		NOMBIATOR LAD 24 B McMakon 3-11
		GHAPTE 14 A Stewart 8-8 Mr. Roberts
7	4006	I CAN'T REMEMBER 24 (V.BF,D.F.Q.S) P book 8-8 J F Egan
a	3004	MIGHT CHORUS 14 (CD,S) 8 Rothwell 8-4 M. French
9	1180	MERCILESS COP 19 (B.D.F.S) 8 Manhan 7-13
		D D'Ocumon (3)
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1		7-2 Burreloo Titalih, 5-1 Gilardo, 6-1 Minon Blasi, 7-1 Marcileos Co

4.30	BEST DRESSED LADY CLAIMING 2,785: 1m 54yd) (11)	STAKES
1 1352	BON GUEST B (CO.G) J O'Shee 9-5	D Ordford
2 000-	TWO REIS 306 A Streeter U.S.	iš Lamoso

ı	3	5005	FALLS C'HONESS B K Butte 9-0 D O'D	kanohoa (
ļ	4	-040	RACING HEART 43 P Malon 9-0	& Doller
ı	- 6	431-	FEARLESS CAVALIER 254 (S) R Hothschand 8-13	FLyn
ı			SILENT VALLEY 4 (V) Miss I, Social 8-12	
1	1 7	-800	GEORDE LAD 23 J Benneti 8-8	M Fert
l			MALIAN SYMPHONY 14 P Euro 8-9	
ı			APRIL IN PARIS 355 C James 8-6	
Į			BOBSHT 17 W Janes 8-8	
ı			FLOOD'S HOT STUFF & M Literacion &-0	
l	1			
١	5-2 B	M SUN	el, 4-1 Bobbill, 9-2 Fearless Cavalier, 13-2 Fails C	MOTOR.

(3	3-Y-	0; £	2,693; 1m 1/213yd) (10)
	1	0626	GET THE PORT 23 R Hollinshad 9-0 F Lyn
	- 5	4440	NOT FORGOTTEN 18 (B) P Kelenty 8-0 M Wight
	. 3	0-40	SALSEE LAD 21 J Fanstranc 9-0 W J O'Conn
	4	80-0	SUCH PRESENCE 15 K Bridgester 9-0 V Street
	5	006	TAROOEN 16 K Burler 9-0
		5000	THE GREEN BREY 8 W Mar 9-0 D O'Donoison (
			WALK ON BY 21 R Harmon 9-0 R Parties
	A	3-30	HOPE CHEST 17 D Leader 8-11 M Rober
	9	000-	MISSFORTUNA 284 M Present 8-11 @ Dellie
	70	0005	SHOWCASE 12 (8) J HRIS 8-11 M Festor

makes her first appearance since last September's group one triumph at Longchamp when contesting the group two Prix Maurice de Nieuil at Maisons-Laffitte tomorrow. Rae Guest, her Newmarket-based trainer, has booked Darryll Holland for the half-sister to

### 4.10 TETLEYS BELL-RINGER HANDICAP

1	] (£6,690: 1m 4f 60yd) (9)			
	1	4150	BREAK THE RILLES 5 (D.F.O.S) D Nations 5-10-0	
ı	2	6110	TERSAJOE 14 (CO.F.G) M Camacho 5-9-5 L	
	3	4062	RIFATUATION 38 (D.G) Lady Herries 4-9-6 SLIP JRG B (D.S) X Books 4-9-2	
i	1 1	/00-	HIGH PYRENEES 399 (6) F Hurthy 5-9-1	

ı	3 -001	ENFATUATION 38 (D,G) Lady Herriss 4-9-6 J Carroll
Ì	4 AD62	SLIP JG B (D.S) X Books 4-9-2 J Quibon
1	5 /00-	HIGH PYREMEES 389 (6) F Morphy 5-9-1 J Farming
ł	f -263	LEVITICUS 14 7 Tate 3-8-7 N Connorton
Ì	7 -323	ORDANED 3 (F) E Alston 4-8-3
i	B 2240	GOLD DESIRE 6 (F,S,S) M British 7-7-10 J Lone
ı	1 000	SMFTWAY 12 K Hogg 3-7-70 10kg Wands (5)
Į		1, 4-1 Silo Jig, 5-1 Tessajon, 6-1 Luvideus, 7-1 Saldbay, 8-1 Bro
1		prosed, 16-1 cases.
ı	Inc. cases, in	Street It I work

#### 4.40 LEEDS HOSPITAL FUND HANDICAP (£3,850: 1m 2f) (12)

- 1	0500	HAZARO A GLESS SS (D.F.S.S) D Michells 7-10-0
		Alex Browns 1
	-000	CENSOR 35 (A) D Nucholls 4-10-0
3	8021	CENSOR 35 (F) D Nucholis 4-10-0 P Roberts (S) 7 WHITE PLANS 15 (D.F.S) K Berle 4-9-18 G Parkin (S) 11
- 1	3445	SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY 8 (F.S.S) T Essecty 6-9-11
•		L Charcock 12
	3020	LAY THE BLAME 24 (F.S) M Hammand 4-9-7 J Carroll 6
ž	0054	GYMCRAK PREMERE 7 (D.F.G.S) 6 Holms: 9-9-6 TURES 10
,	0461	WATHBAT NASHWAN 14 (6) L Cumpni 3-9-3 R Piresch (3) 2
- 4	1241	DISPOL GEM 12 (C.F.E) P Calver 4-9-0 . Danten Methati (3) 5
	750	MAPULSIVE AIR 12 (BF.F.G) E Weymes 5-8-10 J Carlon 8
		AMBIDEXTROUS 7 (D.F.S) E Alsion 5-8-9 . T E Durcan (5) 4
	1321	IBM ST JAMES 21 (B,CO,F) J Bathell 3-8-7 T WHEN I
11	1453	
12	505	
5-2 W	abbal M	isshean, 6-1 Ambidestrous, 7-1 Sandroor Chambray, 8-1 Hazard A
Guess.	Genta	st. Presidente. Dispoil Germ, fision St. Jamess, 10-1 others.

### 5.10 LEEDS CORN EXCHANGE SHOPS MAIDEN

HANDICAP (£3,210: 61) (17)
1 20-0 TOM MI DAH 12 M Hammond 3-9-10 N Horocks (7)
5 SEAN BURNON MICK 21 BILLY W EXCEPT 3-9-9 6 PERIOR OF
9 0423 GREN   INF 29 Bob Janes, 4-9-8
A RESON MADE I FIND ROTY 28 (V) MINY EXSENDED 13-9-2 I COPPAS
E COCA SESSENTIMENT 14 M Water 3-9-0
6 5652 AQUATIC QUEEN 26 C Dayer 3-8-13 T E Darcan (5)
7 0005 MAYDORO 12 M Oods 4-8-12 Dale Gibson
8 0342 PISIOSTAR E (8) M Dods 4-8-12
10 DS63 STAR OF THE ROAD 23 J Car 3-8-7 L Charnock
17 4030 DOMA PLIPA 5 Miss I Skidall 4-8-7 Derren Mollatt (3)
12 0322 GAY BREEZE 21 P Felgus 4-8-6 D Whigh
13 -800 PETSONG 7 V Some 3-8-3 J Farming
14 2000 OHNONOTASAN 2 L Lingd-James S-8-1
15 6052 BELIAY STAN B (B) J CRB 4-7-12 THE CONTROL OF THE
15 0006 TOM PLANDEY 19 (B) R Bastings 3-7-11 J Cum
17 -000 MADAM ZANDO 35 J Buding 4-7-10 M Cadisle
7-2 Agustic Queen, 11-2 Say Breeze, 6-1 Sain Line, Pistostar, 7-1 Prescribment,
Control Core 12.1 Core At The Road Tom Plantey, 16-1 (2012).

### COURSE SPECIALISTS

COOURT OF CORPOSE
TRANCERS: Lady Herries, 3 vinners from 5 numers, 60.0%, L. Curreni, 9 from 36, 75.0%. M. Johnston, 20 from 113, 17.7%, Beb Jones, 5 from 19, 15.8%; E. Weymes, 5 from 44, 11.4%, T. Easlerby, 6 from 58.
10.3%. JOCKEYS: A Mediane, 6 wanters from 28 rides, 21.4%; 3 Carroll, 20

## COURSESPECIALISIS

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TRAINERS: B Hits, 20 winners from 55 minners: 36.4%. M Stoute, 9 from 27, 133.3%: M Prescent, 5 from 22, 22.7%: Mrs J Ramsden, 10 from 63, 15.9%, J Watts, 8 from 65, 12.3%: J Eyre, 3 from 25, 12.0%: E Weymes, 5 from 42, 11.9%: T Barton, 7 from 65, 10.6%. JOCKEYS: K Derley, 36 winners from 169 iddes, 20.7%; J Forume, 13 from	TRAINERS: M 29 runners, 31 43, 27 9%, 84 9 VHIII: 27 94, 13 09 336, 12.8%, 12.2% JOCKEYS: G/ rides, 18.5%; 14 0%, J Canto

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 11 winners from 29 runners, 37.9%; J Duntop, 12 from 43, 27.9%; B Meehan, 3 from 12, 25.0%; S Williams, 4 from 27, 14.8%; P Calver, 7 strong 13, 12.0%; Mrs M Revelley, 43 from 21, 22.9%; M Pipe, 10 from 40, 25.0%; J Hills, 5 from 22, 22.7%, M Stoute, 5 from 25, 20.0%; P Walwyn, 4 from 20, 20.0%; R Williams, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J Berry, 11 from 75, 14.7%. J CCKEYS: M Hills, 12 winners from 60 rides, 20.0%, G Duffield, 8 from 44, 18.2%; M Rimmer, 4 from 23, 17.4%.

### Warwick

#### REDCAR

ı	
١	THUNDERER
j	6.45 Forest Robin, 7.15 Abuhali. 7.45 Dirab. 8.1
I	6.45 Forest Robin, 7.15 Abuhali. 7.45 Dirab. 8.1 Toronto. 8.45 Queens Consul. 9.15 Bally Souza.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

#### 6.45 FURNITURE FACTORS RACING SKY ECHOOLS APPRENTICE HANDIGAP (£2,399; 1m) (12 runners)

1	1 1	PO CO	MONGEST NOTIONAL IS MITS THROUGHOUT 4-1-13	
	2	6000	PAINT IT BLACK 5 (U.F.G) D Nocholis 4-9-10	J Davies (7)
ı	3	30/6	FIRST BITE 19 FCD.F.G) M Haramond 5-9-9.	M Horrocks (3)
ı	- 4	0400	GENERAL MONTY 8 T Barron 5-8-13 .	Kimberloy Hart
i	5	4200	MELFTRIAN CITY 5 (BLP) Mez L Parent 4-1-13	N Pollard (5)
ı				R Havin 1
İ	1 7		PRIME PARTINER 15 (D.G) T Excists 4-8-7	
ı	Í		HOTCAKE 42 Miss S Hall 4-8-7	. C Teams
ı	ة ا		ZAHRAN 8 (DJP) J Bradley 6-8-2	
ı	10	3345	CLYTHA HILL LAD 8 J Bradley 6-8-1	iona Wands.
i			WESTERN VENTURE 47 (F) M Wate 4-8-0	. M Basel 1
1	19	nnso	PAPERWORK PETE 12 W Storey 5-8-0	
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ı			ther, 9-2 Parel 1 Black, 5-1 Forest Robic, 7-1 W	Hidu Actorist R.
ı		, catal	i, 10-1 Hotcaig, Clydda Hail Lad, 12-1 others	

## 7.15 E B F BORO REDBOOK MARDEN SKY

OIAN	01MAE0 (4-1-U. 13,02U. 11) (11)						
1		ABURIAL D Modey 9-0 J Worner 15					
ż	- 60	EDDE ROMBO 19 N Tradiu 9-0 Kim Trakier 10					
3	83	ELJANAH 21 J Dunion 9-0					
4		JAGO M W Easterby 9-0 G Partice (3) 3					
- 5	006	PRINCE NICHOLAS 14 K Hoog 9-0 M Gallagher 5					
5		RIOJA 32 T Tate 9-0 A Mackey 4					
7	0	TARASHAAN 7 M Preside 9-0 J Carral 1					
8	- 5	WATKINS 32 F Morphy 9-0 J Filtranto ?					
		WISHBONE ALLEY M Gods 8-0 Alex Greaves 8					
10		LADY ROCKELLE I Ensures 8-9 Charpock 7					
52		PRIOLETTE J Parsanto 8-9					
10-11 E Priotetti	) 1, 20-1	i, 5-1 Abuhel, 6-1 Ross, 10-1 Tarachaen, 12-1 Ledy Rochelle, 16-1 Eddie Roche, Jago, Prince Nicholas, Waldes, 25-1 Wichbone Alley					

## 7.45 CELLNET RIVERSIDE STADIUM SKY

1	5311	FORSE 19 (C.F.O.S) P Calver 4-9-10 Durren MoRett (3)
2	1450	DIRAS 21 (C.D.F.G.S) T Barron 4-9-10 Victoria Applicby (7)
3	-012	HULLEAWS 33 (BF.C.D.F) W Heigh 7-4-7 A Centare
4		HIGHELYING 3S (C.D.F.G.S) & M. Moon (1-9-5 T E Durent (5)
5		HETE COMES HETERE 7 (D.G.S) W Storey 5-8-2 P Fessey (3)
- 6	5363	GREAT CRATICH 7 (D.F) F Watson 8-9-1 J Wester 1
- 7	0120	SALSAA 7 (C.J. 6) A Sheeter 6-8-12
8	4020	SPA LANE (D.G.S) NI Berby 4-0-7 DR McCabe
9	-006	ALWARDA 10 (F) M Wase 48-4
10		NEEDWOOD EPIC 31 B Morgan 4-8-2
11	0342	HEHRELD RZZ 4 (C.F.S) C Families 5-7-10 L Chemick
1 (4)	m Cem	es Feetin, 5-1 Clerch, Hulback, 6-1 Forgus, 7-1 Highlyssy, Highlia
- 6	1 6-	Diretion 10.1 nitners

#### 8.15 MODLESBROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,338: 50) (14)

- 1	3000	GLEBERS GLUNT IS [BJJ] D MESSES 7-1 . 1 C DESSE [8]
2		NORTHERN SAL 33 (D.S) Mess I, Pernal 9-3
3	0240	MUNICIPAL GIRL 26 (G) 8 Paling 9-3 0 Sweeney (5)
- 4	3320	DONNA'S DANCER 16 (B) N Timber 8-1 (Can Timber
5	0500	TORONTO 12 (B.D.F) J Beny 9-1
8		LUNAR MUSIC 33 (A.D.F) Ron Thompson 6-13 . J Weaver
7	1423	COLLEGE PRINCESS 19 (BF) S C Williams (F12 . D Williams (7)
8	00-4	FLOTS CHOICE 19 J O'Reilly 8-11 J O'Reilly 1
- 6	805	HOT NEWS 22 (V) J Jenius 8-10
16		SHAMAS BREEZE BS (D.F) & Margarson J-10 M Festion 1
11	-040	MELBOURNE PRINCESS 19 H Window 8-8 A Cultipate
12		M T VESSEL 15 (B) J Jestons 8-7 D Winglet
13	(IG-0	RESKY FLESHT 87 A Street 8-3
14	-002	HILTON'S EXECUTIVE 19 E Alston &-1 L Citarrock 1
. D	iltene (	Process, 9-2 Gunners Glary, 5-1 Maunicapal Guri, 7-1 Welbourn
	s Hills	ns Executive B-1 Northern Sal, Donna's Dancer, 10-1 others.
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#### 8.45 RIVERSIDE ROAR LIMITED STAKES (£2,786, 1m 1f) (5)

4 5	5002 3502 2044 ghi 154	TBLANZ 75 M Hammond 5-9-5 QUEENS CONSUL 39 (BF.F.F) B Androwd 7-9-3 HIGHT MARKET 14 M Interctor 3-8-8 SMART SPRIT 11 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-8 SIGN, 15-8 Queens Consul, 3-1 Smart Spink 8-1 Tilas	A College A College
		STEVE GIBSON HANDICAP 3.821: 1m 30 (6)	

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4 d326 5 0213	MARDR OUEZOR ROCK 7 OUEZ. 3-1 I	EW 8 A H CITY 18 HE CASS	ants 8-8 (8F,F) M AH 220 J	Camar Hether	cho 8-	10		R Ha	Win
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6.55	Epic	Stand.	7.25	Captain	Scott.	7.55 .	Alti
8.25	Stac	kattack	. 8.5	5 Regal	Revo	lution.	9

GOING GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

#### 6.55 HOURSTONS OF AYR AMATEUR SKY RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,998. 1m 1f) (14 runners)

5	5461	PUBLITY HO 23 (5) P Waleyn 3-10-12 Miss S Sameouth (4) 2
6	0-00	TALENTED TING 24 (V,C.D.F.G), P Haston 8-10-3
_		Arm (C Westerns PA) 5
7	-004	CHARIESE DANCER 8 C Thomson 4-9-13 J Crowley (6) 13
		MAPOLETIN'S RETURN 68 (V.C.F) J Eye 4-9-12 . Mass 0 Jones 1
		TELIAY N'ATTCH 11 J Golde 5-9-5 Miss & Deniel (4) 6
10		HUTCHES LADY 8 (S) R McKeller 5-9-3 C Passed (6) 9
	200	MARZOCCO 23 (F) T Cutther! 9-9-0 Miss H Cutther! (6) 8
12		MAURANG 11 (B,C.F.C) B Nurray 6-9-0 Mrs C Ford (4) 4
	UM3	SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 8 D Notes 7-9-0 Miss O Carer (6) 3
13	13-3	SPANNE AL SPECIAL DE MARIE 1-2-0 - MOSS D.CHIEF (N. )
14	0-90	AYE READY 8 (8) D Holas 4-9-0 Mrs D Wilkinson (6) 12
2.1 Fe	ic Stan	d, 9-2 Reginy Ho, 6-1 Gold Blade, 8-1 Sagebrish Rober, Charisse
Descrip	10.1	Maurano, 12-1 Talented Trap 14-1 others.

#### 7.25 BUTE HOUSE NURSING HOME LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,404 1m 2f) (7)

	3-1 Ra Scano	ave, 4 Vorigo	1 Capitain Scots, Sterre Delight, 9-2 Ferny Hill, 5-1 Contentenent, 7-1 nacio: 18-1 Batry Jane.
ı	. 7	424	FERRIT HELL 290 44 Prescut B-12
1	6		BRANE MONTGOMERIE 25 (C.F.) Mass L. Pesser B-12 . M. Kennedy 2
ı	i 5	9085	SHARE DELIGHT 22 (F) B HOLS 9-1
ı			AANVJE 30 (D,F) E Wesmes 9-1 Dean Mickerson 1
ı	3	0510	CONTENTALENT 21 (D.G) J Kuls 9-1 M Henry (3) 4
1	1 7	133	GAPTARISCULL 65 LGONET 9-1 JULISSIE 3

#### WARWICK

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i	THUNDERER				
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	6.35 Northern Judge.	7.05 H	iign on	erm. 7.	35 Kais
	Kache. 8.05 Mouseh	ole, 8.	35 Le	Grand	GOUSIE
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GDING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

## 6.35 CLASSIC COTTAGE CARNIVAL

n	W.N.I	IGES HANDICAP
4	07: 7	i) (13 runners)
1	0-00	ROCK SYMPHONY 24 (F.S) W HOUSES 7-10-0 R Studentin
2	8007	WHATEVER'S RIGHT 12 (CD.F) M Usber 8-9-12 & Hannes (5
	0100	KING ATHELSTAN 24 (C.F) B McMahon 9-9-5 . S Pachton (
Ā		HAVAGO 17 (D,S) R Hannon 3-9-0
5		HEVER GOLF MOVER 26 (F) T Number 3-8-13 R Moody (8
ĕ		THE BAPAISLEY BRILLE 12 (D) J Free 4-8-3 _ S Bundley (
7		GULF OF SIAM 26 E Wheeler 4-8-3 5 Carson (6
Ř		NORTHERN JUDGE 16 (B,D,G) A James 4-8-0 J Fowle (3
		DIGPAST 22 (D,C) J Bridge 7-7-13 P D
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5.00 (2m) 1, CAPTAIN JACK (M Roberts, 5-1); 2, Premier Night (J Red., 13-2); 3, Theijensh (R Coctrans, 9-1) ALSO RAN' Evens say Russian Rose (5th), 11-2 Nanton Point (4th), 20 Chell Mouse (6th) 6 ran, 134, sh hd, 134, 28

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## today. Pincapot: \$729,80. Quadpot: \$253,80.

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5.10 (1m) 1, SECONDS AWAY (7 Vikkerns, 14-1); 2, Spanish Verdrot (C Teagus, 12-1); 3, Nisedie Matich (O Pears, 16-1) ALSO RAN 7-4 fav Bowclife (6m), 7-2 Nikapen Rock, 6, Legal Issue; 15th, 9 Tissue of Les, 12 Buissra, Champagne N Dreems, (4m), 20 Don's Worty Mée, 33 King of Show, 40 Mickay Cowboy, 100 Celia's Rambow, 150 Thomptouri-Level 14 ran '91. M., KI, 2-4; ind. J Galdes at Kilmannock, Tote, C11 80, C2-80, C3 10, C6.80 DF C75 70 Tho C263 10 part yon Pool of S 37 Learned Invivad to Newbury today CSF £164 16 Thoast-12-508.21

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3.60 (2m hole) 1, Punkah (R Sucholme, 11-10 lav); 2, Lightning Guest (3-1), 3, Alpha Leather (5-1) 6 ran NR Giobal Dancer, 144, 11 G McCourl Tote; £1,80; £1 40, £1,70, DF £1 80 CSF-£1 86
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## 4.50 (3m 110yd hdie) 1, Bullene Bey IA F McCoy, 5-4 tav; 2, New Statesman (15-8)

Dettori warms

up in style for wedding FRANKIE DETTORI, who marries his fiancee, Katherine Allen, tomorrow, warmed up for the big event with a short-priced double aboard the

John Gosden-trained pair, Arjant and Decorated Hero at Newbury yesterday. Decorated Hero, who acts as Benny The Dip's lead horse at home, was forced to pull out all the stops for a neck

verdict over Restructure in the Watermill Stakes. But Gosden was full of praise for his charge's win, saying: "That was a good effort as the ground is proba-bly on the fast side for him. He could come back here for the Hungerford Stakes or go to York for the City of York

#### Making his debut, Ariant arrived at the Berkshire course with a big home reputation and his starting price of 11-4 on reflected that in the Ecchinswell Novice Stakes. But he had to work hard in the closing stages to fend off the challenge of Sabhaan.

Stakes next month."

## **FOOTBALL'S** COMING HOME

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## Aymes checks Surrey's advance

GUILDFORD (third day of four): Hampshire, with two second-innings wickets in hand, are 53 runs ahead of

HAMPSHIRE have had some pretty miserable days this season and, for a long time. yesterday promised to rank among the blackest. By 4.45pm they were 71 for seven in their second innings, following on 174 behind, and had lost 12 wickets in three hours' play, an hour having been lost to a midday shower.

At that point, though, the Mr Hyde side of their personality slipped away and up popped Dr Jekyll. For the rest of the day, they fought tooth and nail to stay in the game, principally through an eighth-wicket partnership of 123 between Adrian Aymes and Simon Renshaw, both of whom - remarkably - recorded season's best scores for the second time in the day.

When they came together. Surrey could be forgiven for letting their focus slip, so feeble was the resistance that they had met. Their fielding became lax and their bowlers went through the motions, but a slow pitch remained basically sound and, once their eyes were in, Aymes and Renshaw made batting look easy again and Adam Hollioake, the Surrey captain, was forced to shuffle his bowlers.

Eventually, and much to Surrey's relief, Hollioake had Renshaw leg-before for 56, but Milburn kept Aymes com-pany until the close, at which stage Hampshire were 227 for eight, 53 ahead. Surrey should still win, but Milburn can bet and Aymes, unbeaten on 83 after three hours, will relish extending their discomfort.



Stewart carries the scars of war yesterday, but is confident of playing in the fourth Test match next week

solitary resistance when Hampshire lost their five remaining first-innings wickets earlier in the day, batting 22 hours for 45 before being eighth out. So poorly did the Hampshire top order bat second time around that he was back at the crease within 90 minutes, the scoreboard read-

Credit for this must go to

Martin Bicknell, who produced a spell of four for two in 25 bails, but, well as he bowled, Hampshire gave him a helping hand. Hayden had one of his abberations, padding up to his second ball, and James repeated the error to a lavish inswinger. Laney, loosely aiming an off drive, played into his stumps.

was the performance of Ste-phenson, the Hampshire captain, who, reports suggest, is feeling the pressure of his job. Given a reprieve before he had scored, he seemed intent on hitting his way out of trouble, with predictable results. Having lashed two fours through the covers, Tudor fed him a short ball which he hooked

A good day for Aymes, Hampshire's wicketkeeper, was the reverse for Surrey's, Stewart taking a blow in the face an hour into the day, a ball from Salisbury flicking up off Renshaw's pad and gashing him under the right eye. He is confident of being fit for the fourth Test match next week, but did not keep again,

## Leicestershire drawn into gambling game

By JACK BAILEY

CANTERBURY (third day of four): Leicestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 345 runs to beat

A DAY of praiseworthy endeavour from both teams, to create something of this rain-affected match, ended with less being achieved on the field than in the pavilion. The machinations of the captains resulted in agreement by Steve Marsh, the Kent captain, not to enforce the follow-on if James Whitaker declared, which he did, after hatting for 40 overs and when Leicestershire had scored 160 for four.

This left them the small matter of 338 runs behind Kent's first innings — Marsh having declared at the overnight 593 for eight - or still 189 short of the follow-on figure. Then Marsh declared a second time after facing all of five overs, leaving Leciestershire finally to score 365 from a likely 105 overs. It is a run chase weighted towards Kent, as it should be. Without

Kent's declarations, Leicestershire were on a hiding to nothing.

Leicestershire have now lost more than 1.450 overs to the weather, have drawn all their matches except against Hampshire, which they won, and are short of points with which to defend their title. For them, almost any gamble was worth the candle.

Before Whitaker and Johnson came together in an enterprising partnership of 99 for the fourth wicket, it looked as though Leicestershire might well be scuppered by orthodox means. Once

Thompson got his outswinger going, he removed both Wells and Maddy and, when Fleming uprooted Sutcliffe's middle stump, by way of an inside edge, three were down for 39.

What may well turn out to be the catch of the season by Strang at deep mid-off had accounted for Wells, but then came Johnson with 72 from 75 balls. A good effort from Whitaker ended with another fine catch, this time by Fulton at short leg. After that, a flurry of declarations. Now, everything depends on the weather.

> Tetley's Challenge Series Glamorgan v Australians CARDIFF final day of three; Glamorgan

## **Robinson** adds light relief to a slow day

BY RICHARD HOSSON

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of fourl: Sussex, with six second-innings wickets in hand. need 104 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Lanca-

CRANES have been installed at Old Trafford to hoist floodlights over the stands for the day-night Roses match next Monday. Their presence is proof of the initiatives that are being taken to woo new spectators to the sport.

The contest yesterday would have put any newcom er off for life. Sussex played the better cricket, but, despite fielding lethargically, Lancashire remain strongly posi-tioned to secure their third successive championship win.

Following on 254 behind. Sussex at least applied themselves with more purpose than in their first innings. Bill Athey, in particular, was at his stubborn best in grinding out a half-century.

Nine years after his last

appearance for England, he remains one of the most obdurate batsmen in the country. He was not off the mark until his fortieth delivery and was missed by Atherton at backward short leg after dashing along to two. Yet, in conditions that were beginning to assist the spinners — so much so that Atherton bowled leg breaks for the first time this season -Athey's technique held firm. The earth shook in disbelief when he drove expansively at Yates to be bowled between bat and pad five minutes before the close.

Earlier, Rao and Lenham had fallen in successive overs. the former to a splendid legside catch by Hegg, standing back to Gallian, while Taylor went attempting to steer Yates past slip. Watkinson accounted for

three of the five Sussex wickets at the end of the first innings, though Austin was responsible for the removal of Newell for 74. Drakes perished attempting to counter-attack, but by far the most interesting - and amusing innings was played by Robinson, the archetypal rabbit, who smote a career-best 27. He was rewarded by being cast as nightwatchman in the second innings.

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## Smith and Young expose deception

BY ALAN LEB, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

four): Gloucestershire (24pts) beat Derbyshire (4) by an innings and 35 runs

FOR much of an overcast morning. Derbyshire showed sufficient resolve to suggest that they might take this match well into its final day. It was a brief deception. By the time that the sun came out, an hour after lunch, this lovely ground was deserted.

It was appropriate that the two men who dominated the game, Mike Smith and Shaun Young, should bring about its abrupt end. It was equally fitting that Derbyshire should surrender their last four wickets for four runs, as their cricket here has been abysmal.

An honourable exception was Kim Barnett, who rose above his personal conflict with the club to perform noble service. He made almost half of the first-innings runs and, yesterday, was six short of a deserved century when the fall of his wicket effectively signalled the end.

Derbyshire are badly in need of cheer, so the news that Dominic Cork is accelerating his comeback will be especial ly welcome. Only five weeks third of after a groin operation years.

CHELTENHAM (third day of thought likely to keep him out for the season, Cork plans to play in a second-team fixture on Monday and is hoping to win a place in the quarter-final of the NatWest Trophy next

week, as a specialist batsman. He can hardly fare worse than some who played here. The fourth-wicket stand of 121 between Barnett and Vandrau was no more than an inconvenience to the home side and Young, despite being bowled sparingly due to a hamstring problem, dispatched Barnett and Clarke in successive balls and almost bowied Krikken for a hat-trick. When Vandrau was well caught at second slip, Young had taken three for four, and only some deliant blows from DeFreitas delayed the inevitable.

Smith returned to take three of the last four wickets and complete match figures of ten for 106. His next first-class match should be the Headingley Test, Gloucestershire, meanwhile, remain among the leaders, but it is a mystery why the first game of the Cheltenham Festival, played on one of the truest pitches in England, has now been over before tea on the third day for three successive

### Scarborough far from fair for irate Boon

SCARBOROUGH (third day of four): Yorkshire (24pts) beat Durham (4) by an innings and

DAVID BYAS, the Yorkshire captain, was not making any apologies yesterday after a pitch tailored to his specifications had left Scarborough, his own club, without any cricket on what should have been one of the big days of their famous festival (Pat Gibson writes).

Durham had been beaten by lunchtime on what their captain, David Boon, called the most extraordinary pitch he had seen in 20 years in the game. It was thickly grassed in the middle but bare at the ends, and Boon said: "It is to the benefit of nobody in the long term. It gives the bowlers a false sense of their worth and undermines the batsmen's confidence."

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-34, 3-53, 4-61, 5-69, 6-79, 7-79, 8-119, 9-133

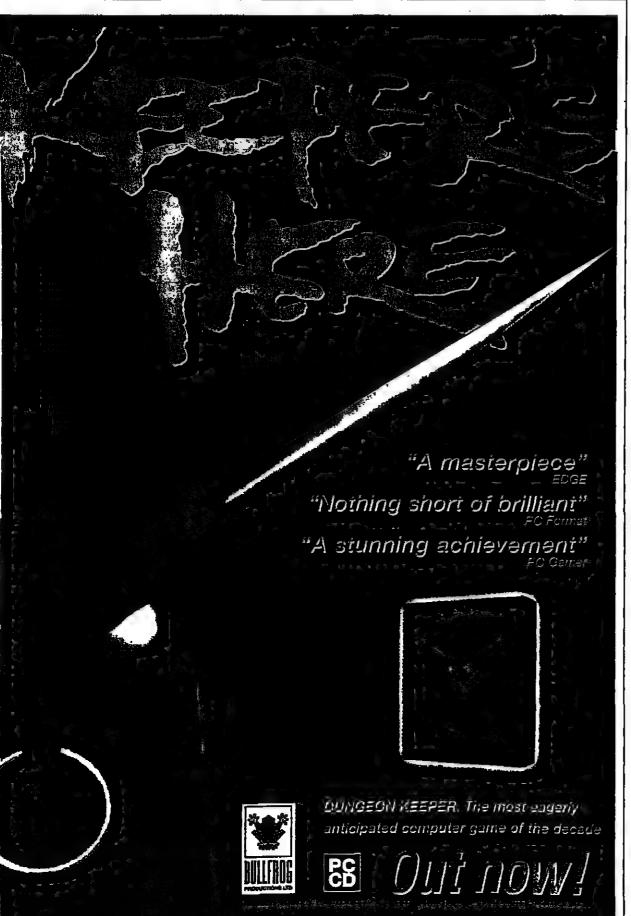
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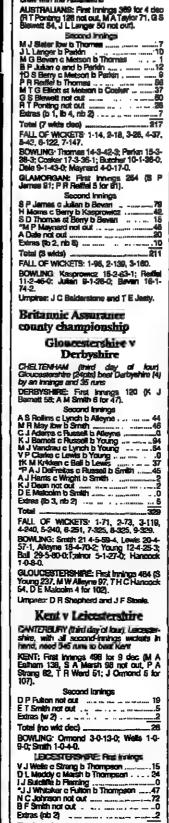
Byas countered: "I am not saying that this is the way forward for English cricket.

but it is the way for us to play county cricket here. All the years I have been playing for Yorkshire, people have been telling me that we would never get results at Scarborough, but we have proved otherwise in the past two seasons."

Yorkshire were hoist by their own petard the first time that they tried the two-tone pitch last year, Caddick bowling Somerset to victory. Yorkshire demolished Nottinghamshire later in the summer. though, and now that Durham have gone the same way. Sussex can expect a similar surface when they visit here next month.

Durham needed 159 to make Yorkshire bat again with only five wickets left. Betts, with 35, and Boiling, with 40, his highest championship score, put up a better fight than some of the batsmen and, in the end, occasional bowlers, McGrath and Lehmann, completed the job.











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## Glamorgan unable to home in on target

CARDIFF (final day of three): Glamorgan drew with the Australians

THE Australians left Glamorgan too onerous a task yesterday. Mindful, perhaps, that their one defeat by a county in a first-class match came when they set Derbyshire a fair target in the early stages of this tour, they did not declare until lunch. The championship leaders needed 333 off a minimum of 59 overs and settled for a draw with 122 runs still required and eight

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overs remaining.
Steve James, who made an excellent 79 to go with his 9) in the first innings; became the first batsman in the country to reach 1,000 runs this summer, and in so doing enhanced his chances of playing for England one day. He does not need to concern himself with whether or not he is a part of a fashionable county: when he marries his fiance in September, Michael Atherton will be among the ushers.

At tea, Glamorgan needed a further 224 off a minimum of 30 overs, which was an awful lot. Morris and James had begun with 96 off 26 overs - a sound enough start — but Maynard chose not to come in at first wicket down, preferring to send in the left-handed Thomas to have a slog. When he was neatly stumped by Berry off a leg-side full toss from Bevan, the asking rate was still seven an over.

Morris had struck seven fours in his 42, a rather more productive innings than he had managed on Thursday. As for James, he batted still more freely. When he had made 15, he became the first batsman to 1,000 runs, which. was achieved about three weeks later than is customari-.

innings. He leaves in his wake two Australians, Matthew Hayden, of Hampshire, and Darren Lehmann, of Yorkshire, so that is something, too. James made, in all, 79 of 116 balls with 11 fours before he pulled a short ball from Bevan, a long hop even, to mid-wicket. It was remarkably similar to his dismissal in his first innings.

Maynard did come in when Thomas was out. He drove Kasprowicz for six over longon, a terrific shot achieved with minimal backlift that owed everything to timing and strength of forearms. There were also one or two drives that were reminiscent of his strokeplay when the Australians last came to Glamorgan four years ago. His century then led to a brief recall to Test

Alas for him, he could not manage any more pyrotechnics now. Also, Dale took 19 balls to get off the mark and was unable to force the ball away after that. When the last hour's play began, 156 were required off the statutory 15 overs and that was too much even for Maynard.

The declaration could, and probably should, have been more imaginative. The Australians, though, were aiready focused on more important matters at Headingley next week. Last night they returned to London to play Middlesex. their final match before the fourth Test.

They had delayed declaring until Blewett, as well as Reiffel, had made a halfcentury. The pitch was not giving Bevan's chinamen, nor. for that matter, anybody of quicker pace, any assistance and Warne was not playing. What he was doing, in fact, was signing autographs for a good half an hour for no end of



James on-drives elegantly to the boundary and becomes the first batsman to score 1.000 runs this season

## Astle continues to give good value

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 68 runs ahead of Warwickshire

NATHAN ASTLE walked to the crease yesterday three overs after lunch, when Paul Johnson retired hurt with a bruised finger. Nomingham-shire were 39 for one in their second innings, and effectively three wickets down as the other Paul, Pollard, had broken the middle finger of his left hand on Thursday, and is expected to miss the rest of the

Astle cared not a jot that his

Warwickshire bat for a second time. By tea, Astle, recruited as recently as June 4, had reached a truly excellent hun-dred and, though he perished in the first over afterwards, he had given everybody a vigorous account of himself.

The New Zealander has certainly given good value in his first month at Trent Bridge. He made 99 against the Australians and his halfcentury, and tight bowling, enabled Nottinghamshire to beat Surrey at the Oval in a low-scoring NatWest Trophy

His innings yesterday was only the second century by a Nottinghamshire batsman in the championship this season. Matthew Dowman, who

he was leg-before to Graeme

English teams are already familiar with Astle. In the opening game of the World Cup last year, he made a bracing hundred, and he obstructed them in "Morrison's match", at Auckland in January, when his undefeated century helped the Duck King to save the day.

He is not abraid to challenge the bowlers' authority. Yesterday, with the boundary on the Bridgeford Road side of the ground no more than 60 yards square of the wicket, and with the field set for wicket-taking rather than containment, he cut loose from the start, going to his fifty in 42 balls before he reached his century in 112.

Astle would have made 96 runs fewer. Donaid, the howler, was at his hostile best in that spell, and a fine sight he made. Funnily enough, however, it was Michael Bell, the left-armer playing his first championship match for two years, who sent Pollard and

Johnson for repairs. Astle added 170 in 38 overs with Dowman before he was beautifully caught at second slip by Ostler. Dowman, who had played pretty well going in first, was leg-before as he tried to work Welch through mid-wicket.

That was Welch's second wicket of the innings, and his fourth of the day. Like Brown. the other emerging all-rounder. Welch is growing nicely

### Sales and Curran take fight to Essex

BY BARNEY SPENDER

NORTHAMPTON (third day of fourt Northampton-shire, with two second-in-nings wickets in hand, are 305 runs ahead of Essex

Till's season Northamptonshire have struggled to fulfil the expectations of their supporters but, if they go on to record their second championship win today, they can take a well-earned bow. They have battled hard and shown that they can fight as tenaciously as anyone

Although David Sales took centre stage yesterday, there were impressive supporting roles from Kevin Curran and Malachy Loye, who shared a partnership of 48 that ended with both of them in the medical ward.

Loye played beautifully to reach 43, But when he turned quickly for a second run, he hit the deck, clutching his side as if shot by a sniper. He may be wheeled into action this morning but, if the early prognosis of form ligaments of the lower back proves correct. it may spell the end of his

Shortly afterwards, Curran. pavilion after being struck a painful blow on his right hand by Danny Law. After a swift changing-room opera-tion to drain the blood from the thumb, he returned to the crease but by then Paul Grayson and Ashley Cowan had reduced Northamptonshire to 182 for eight. However, Curran showed great pluck in staying with Sales to the close and won a mini-battle when Law returned. Predictably. the first ball was a bouncer and Curran pulled it savagely to the boundary.

Sales, who has found runs hard to come by this summer, was also in the mood. He smashed one straight drive back past Law and then hooked Cowan out of the ground. He reached his 50 off iii balls and by the close had moved to 63, his highest of the season. If Northamptonshire do clinch it, their captain, Rob Bailey, will recall the match with mixed feelings. He completed his first pair for the county yesterday to set alongside the one he collected in the Trinidad in 1991.

### Hick makes the most of acquiescent opposition

By JOHN THICKNESSE

WORCESTER ifinal day of three): Worcestershire drew with Pakistan A

WORCESTERSHIRE saved their game against Pakistan A without coming under pressure at New Road and, on a blameless pitch, it was no surprise that Graeme Hick scored 144, his 93rd first-class hundred, one behind C.B Fry. The innings contained some memorable strokes. none more remarkable than a six into the road in which the follow-through hardly reached waist height, so sweetly did he time it.

All the same, it must have been among the luckiest hundreds of Hick's career: at 94. he was dropped just inside the extra-cover boundary by a fielder who did not have to move. Eighty minutes later. when he holed out at long leg, there were five sixes and 20 fours to Hick's credit off 153 balls, his runs coming out of

Commanding as he was. though, his runs were made against all-too-acquiescent opposition. Omens were favourconfident, threw away his wicker after half an hour and, 20 minutes later, when Weston retired hurt after being hit on the foot by Shoaib Akhtar, Worcestershire needed another 155 to save an innings defeat. However, the Pakistanis drooped when Hick edged Razzak just wide of second slip, who then dropped Spiring two-handed off the same bawler.

Akhtar deserved Spiring's wicket off a thick edge square of gully. But it spoke volumes for the touring team's state of mind that when Akhtar stopped a Hick drive with his foot, it took eight minutes before the game restarted, three of them elapsing while Akhtar hobbled off the field.

Returning to be hit by Hick

for 16 in the first over after lunch. Akhtar later sent Leatherdale to hospital for stitches to his mouth, through ducking into a short ball that skidded through chest-high. Like Weston, though, who was padded up to hat had another wicket fallen, Leatherdale is expected to be fit for the Axa Glamorgan tomorrow.

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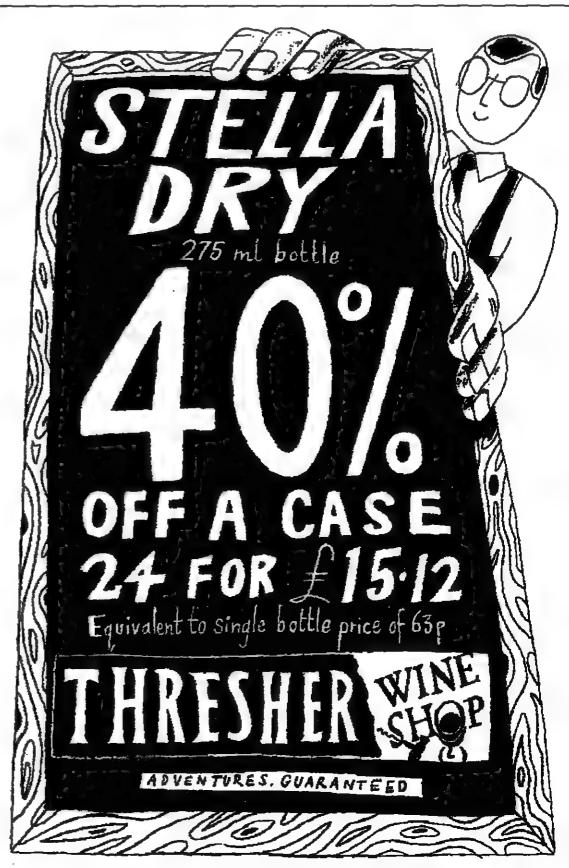
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## Caddie stands firm behind master golfer after error at 10th hole costs four strokes

## Woods meets his match in the vagaries of Troon

HOW splendidly, and sometimes capriciously, does the game of golf mimic the put-terns of life. Tiger Woods crossed the Atlantic last week justifiably labelled the finest young golfer in the world: indeed, he may prove to be the best yet born. Yet Royal Troon has the measure of him.

In the fierce winds of Thursday, he was trapped at the where he took seven shots. In the calm, clear, sunlit morning yesterday, this im-maculate golfer took eight shots, four over par, to sink his ball at the 10th hole . . . and he made the cut for the remaining two rounds only through a birdie at the 18th, a final achievement that showed his character, calculation and

It is reassuring, in a way, to see a phenomenon disarmed by a course on the Scottish coastline that has been teasing and testing men and women through the century. This is the art, the allure of golf: the course confounds man, examines his ability and his temperament to the limits, humbles him just when he has 50 million reasons — dollars in the bank - to presume the mantle of greatness.

I wish Woods no ill will. At 21, he meets triumph and disaster, at least in the public glare after his rounds. articulately, with equanimity. and a measure of modesty. However, it was astonishing, at the 10th yesterday, the way that a cathedral quiet was cast around the hole as, caught in Troom's long rough, he was reduced to an ordinary being.

it was not Woods alone. In Augusta, a couple of months ago, where he had so maiestically strode away from the field, it was a tale of the Tiger and the Walrus. At his side. nursing him, reading the greens to perfection for him, relaxing him, was Mike "Fluff" Cowan, the experienced caddy with the drooping white moustache. At his side in the travails of Troon is again Cowan, though in this

**HOB HUGHES** 



At Royal Troon

the master golfer and the bag carrier are like novices. Cowan confirmed after the round yesterday that he and his man had never been to Troon before this week. More than that: Cowan

would not disassociate himself from Woods's moment of vulnerability. "It started with a very bad shot, but we both chose the club, an eight-iron, and we both liked it," he said. The instant that Woods hit the ball, however, he exclaimed: 'Oh no! Good God!" That club, used for the second shot at the 438-yard hole, projected the ball beyond the green and deep into long rye grass. backing on to gorse bushes.
"At the back of the green, I was in some pretty thick stuff, with a gorse bush right behind me." Woods said. "I tried to play a shot to the front of the green with a sand-wedge. I

whiffed it, my club went right underneath the ball." The ball moved three inches. He hacked at it again. moved it perhaps six vards. and then, borne out of pique from a talented player so unaccustomed to this Scottish rough, he used the wedge a third time, propelled the ball hastily and violently, up and over the green to the other side. From there, he chipped shallowly towards the green scoreboard overlooking that hole kept relating to Woods and Cowan that Darren Clarke was burning up the course, using the same becalmed morning conditions to hit birdie after birdie, six of

them on the outward nine.

The surface of Troon, combed by gentler winds yes-terday, is as like the smooth and wide fairways of manicured Augusta as French red clay is like Wimbledon grass, Maybe that was why Cowan seemed to become distant from his employer on the greens yesterday, a separation that was not helped by a round of golf that produced barely a semblance of joy.

Woods struggled from the lat, where, with his short iron,

he fluffed the approach to the green. He was then to miss vital putts, from two feet on the 3rd green and from even closer on the 8th, where he completely misread the lie.

In elements friendly to the golfer, the galleries, rather than the expectant hordes who wherever strides in the United States. were bystanders of curiosity: waiting for the magic, willing to judge the man not on his reputation but on what he did

Again, the caddy protected his player. "It is your expectations, not ours," Cowan said. "I learnt a long time ago that you don't play this game with expectations, you go play." Then, cancelling his own planned recreational round in the afternoon, Cowan said: Tiger hit more fairways and more greens today than he did yesterday, but it's a game of putts and, in my opinion, the score [74] reflects only that the putts didn't en in.

For a day, then, the mood of the Tiger drooped like the moustache of the Walrus. He lives to play another round today, and I do hope that the small boy, clad from cap to trainers in Tiger Woods Nike apparel, can be brought back to witness a recharged icon.



The day's work over, Woods is left to ponder on his battle with Troon that will continue this morning

#### Sultan of swing looks in dire straits Jester Parnevik is happy Mel Webb applauds as to stand out from crowd

here is something faintly irritating about the turgid sameness that permeates the modern world of sport. Tennis, for example, has its twofisted backhands, cricket its uniformly boring medium-pace howlers; see one, and you have seen them all. In golf. too. technique is everything, so it is perversely pleasant to encounter a player whose

method is totally, relentlessly and wonderfully daft.

The misfit in question is Jim Furyk, a 27-year-old American who might have been born to fit Walter Hagen's maxim that Tits not hour it's how years. If said that "It's not how, it's how many." If golf scores were based on style. Furyk would

have a job to break 100. The modest Pennsylvanian, who has played a leading part in the first two rounds of the Open Championship, has a swing that is all his own, which is just as well since nobody else would want it even if he were giving it away. A golf swing should have as few moving parts as possible: Furyk's has so many that it is a small wonder that bits do not fly off him when he hits the ball.

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His swing is a wondrous, loopy swipe that makes him look like a mad axeman threshing wheat At the top of the backswing there is something that almost defies description: it is a twirt, a flourish, a twiddle, a whatsit that says more clearly than a thousand words: "Whoops, there's something going wrong up there, let's adjust before we fall over."

The Furyk flail has been described in many ways, the most memorable of which was undoubtedly coined by David Feherty, erstwhile Europe Ryder Cup player and now a television commentator in the United States, who said that the swing looked like an octopus falling out of a tree. Somebody else said Furyk resembled a man trying to kill a snake in a telephone box. It is Basil Fawity. Monty Python and Max Wall all wrapped up in

Furyk's eccentric swing has been described as resembling an octopus falling out of a tree by David Feberty

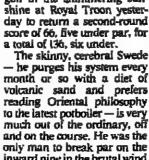
one gloriously eccentric package that comes directly from the Ministry of Silly Golf Swings.

People with swings like this usually come by them naturally: nobody taught Eamonn Darcy or Russell Claydon, the two leading European purveyors of side-splittingly comical swings, how to do it. No same person could. Yet Furyk claims that he was actually taught to hit the ball like that by his father, who, as the man who as the man responsible for causing Innocent spectators to suffer hernias from laughing as they watch his son hit a golf

ball has a lot to answer for. The strangest thing of all is that it works beautifully. Furyk goes into the third round today in a good position on three under par. He might look funny, but his balf-triking ability is no laughing

He is seventh on the order of merit and sixth in the Ryder Cup list; speciators at Valderrama in September are in for a treat. As long, that is, as they remember to pack a truss. It's not how, remember, it's how many.

aversion to leaderboards, played well-nigh immaculate golf in the shimmering sun-



By PATRICIA DAVIES

JESPER PARNEVIK, known

for his brim, his vim and his

inward nine in the brutal wind on Thursday, despite a dou-ble-bogey six at the 11th. He came home in 34, one under par, with birdies at the last three holes - and four of the last five - yet he set off with a different putter yesterday.
"My game and putting felt terrible." Parnevik said, "so l

changed from a Callaway to an STX. a strange putter with a rubber insert." So strange that he hit his first putt 12 feet past the hole and missed the next to drop a shot. It was just about his only error.

He hit every green in regulation, bar the par-five 4th. where he was on in two and holed from ten feet for an eagle, and the 18th, where he drove into the rough, put his second shot into a pot bunker and did well to blast out on to the front edge of the green, 45 feet from the hole. Three putts looked likely, given the humps and hollows to be negotiated - Parnevik's estimate was 15 feet of break but he needed only one.



"Things like that you're going to remember all year." he said. "It's the sort of thing that happens in this tournament. It is pretty much the only tournament that makes your hair stand up when you

At the age of 13, Parnevik, now 32, announced that he was going to win the Open and three years ago, at Turnberry, he very nearly did. Inexperienced in the ways of major championships, he did not look at the scoreboard, preferring to assess the position by ear rather than eye, misjudged the situation and bogeyed the last, losing to Nick Price by one shot. Parnevik looks at scoreboards

For a man hard to label, he is replete with logos and his clothing — designed by Johan Lindebergh — features the outline of a golf-gloved hand. He is also immediately

upmmed peak of his cap, a fact that started because he wanted to tan his pale forehead and has developed from minor idiosyncrasy to big business. SAP America is writ large on it and is not a reference to the wearer's dalter tendencies, but the name of a German com-puter software company. This search for an identity of

his own owes much to being the son of Bo Parnevik, a comedian who is a celebrity in Sweden and a golf nut, who hit floating balls into the lake behind their home with his son. In his early days, Parnevik Jar, who described the game as mind-boggling, maddening and frustrating would always opt for the spectacular shot and go nuts if It did not work.

Now, happily married to Mia and father of two daughters. Penny, two, and Peg (in Swedish her name means "tee" - typical Parnevik, ac-cording to his compatriots), two months, Parnevik is more at ease with himself and it is

reflected in his golf. He won the Lancome Trophy by five shots from Colin Montgomerie last September, then took three months off before coming third in the Bob Hope Classic. He has since been second four times in the United States and earned nearly \$800,000. "He's got to be on the Ryder Cup team." a spectator said yesterday.

Parnevik, who is not a member of the PGA European Tour, needs Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe captain, to pick him but, in the meantime, very much his father's son, the Swede is happy to put on his own show.



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### Three join fallen champion

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

NAOMICHI OZAKI and Yoshinori Kaneko, both of Japan, and Chris Perry, of the United States, withdrew from the second round because of injuries. Ozaki has a wrist injury and Kaneko a back problem: Perry is suffering

from a thigh injury.

They joined lan Baker-Finch, of Australia, a winner of the Open at Royal Birkdale in 1991, who withdrew after a 21-over-par 92 in the opening round.

Dennis Edlund and Daniel Olsson, both of Sweden, made holes in one yesterday, Edlund at the 8th, the 126-yard Postage Stamp - the shortest hole on the Open rota of courses with a nine iron.

Gene Sarazen, of the United States, a winner of the Open at Troon, was 70 when he made a hole in one at the Postage Stamp in 1982

Edlund's shot did not help him beat the halfway cut. Olsson, an amateur, made a hole in one at the 210-yard 5th with a five-iron. On Thursday. another Swede, Pierre Fulke, holed in one at the 179-yard 14th, a week after he made a hole in one in the opening round of the Loch Lomond

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# Timeless appeal of life by the Postage Stamp

LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

owever much information you've got, it's never quite enough. Out on the 8th hole at Royal Troon, you can sit and watch the whole event pass by and have no sense whatever of the days unfolding overall shape. It's like living in the continuous present tense and, as such, is very relaxing. Famous folk in nice trousers arrive in threes, they play the hole, they pass on. And after that, unless they join the top few players whose scores adorn the big yellow boards ("Jesper Parnevik, crazy name, crazy guy!"), they might as well vanish from the face of the earth.

Yesterday, at the par-three 8th - the famous Postage Stamp -- we counted them all in, and then we did that other thing. Most notably, however, at about half past nine, we saw a hole in one from Dennis Edlund, of Sweden - a man who was playing at a lamentable 18 over par at the time. "But he'll be only 16 over now!" we pointed out. That should give him hope!" As it happens; Edlund finished 22 over par, but the point is, we didn't know that. He was in good shape when he left us. Likewise, when Tiger Woods was multiple-bogeying the 10th, we were completely unaware of it. He'd

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been and gone, ages ago.

The great appeal of the 8th is its famous compactness, which means it's not really like watching golf, it's like cheat-ing. From the grandstand, you can watch the tee-shot, then pretend to watch the ball soaring overhead (people who claim to see it are lying) and then admire the various bunout moving from your seat. Everything that hits the green is warmly applauded — and yesterday most balls obligingly hit the green, rather than the pesky bunkers. The only obvious under-hit was from Gary Player. "He's short!" I exclaimed, which I realised at

once was a bit tactless. I suppose on an ideal day it have been windy, raining and difficult, with players beating plumes of wet, heavy sand out of the bunkers



Spectators gathered around the 8th green await the next party to pass by

and snapping clubs over knee in frustration. As it was, however, dreamily element conditions prevailed, grass thrown into the wind drifted no distance and the bunkers gave only one man visible heartache. Frank ("Stubble") Nobilo, having rescued his bell, made a pettish swipe at some innocent sand and a general intake of breath was heard from the crowd. Quite uncalled for, we thought. We'd always liked Nobilo up till

much likes Corey Pavin, for

example. People theer Colin

Montgomerie when he's doing

well, but I'm sure he knows

that the moment he throws a

tantrum, his followers could

disown him. Meanwhile, the

Open crowd openly adores

Costantino Rocca (cuddly Ital-

ian who created John Daly tie-

break in 1995 with legendary

chip); they like Ernie Els.

because he's unassuming and

cute (albeit in a huge kind of

way); they also love Parnevik

(comical Swede pipped by Nick Price in 1994). Never before has a Jesper been taken. to the national bosom, incidentally. Not even as a kind of biscuit

The way you judge consensus adoration is simple, of course. The minute the favoured player leaves the green, the grandstand empties, with a loud clattering noise of golf-shoe on metal step. "He's gone, that's it," the crowd breathes in unison and makes with the clatter. From

leaves, the grandstand empties'

Turner).

chaps left behind.

And this lot do play golf, you can tell. This crowd is full of ordinary people tramping con-fidently in their old spiked The minute the favoured player shoes and never asking "Does a plus sign mean he's win-ning?" Randits have worried about the Tiger Woods charis-Is there such a consensus in the perspective of Game 16 drawing non-golfers golf crowds? Well, there car-yesterday (the inoffensive trio of Miguel Angel Jiménez. David Duval and Greg audience for a sporting event: the Open was they just love to see the sport marked principally by big

less man retains the goodwill

of the golfing public; it's just one of those mysteries. On

Wednesday, I have to admit

my first sight of real-live Faldo was like the first sight of real-

live Harrison Ford, but I can't

explain it. The way he ex-

presses extreme emotion by

grimacing and gingerly hold-

ing the ball up to the crowd -

perhaps that just touches a

chord with the sort of re-

pressed people who play golf a

played well. Out there on the 8th, we saw crowds scarpering to avoid them. They were following magnificent, inch-perfect tee-Faldo, you see. "Here we shots landing vertically on the tiny green — landing and bouncing a little, but very come!" they would announce, spotting multitudes ahead. rarely rolling. It was fabulous. But "Let's get out of here," the Faido fans said, without a Later on, curiously enough. thought for the feelings of the Colinmania took a grip, despite my predictions to the contrary. At this rate, a great weekend will be enjoyed by Faldo got the biggest mass walkout of the morning. Somehow, this oddly charmgolf bores everywhere.

RUGBY LEAGUE

### Warrington manage to limit the damage

Penrith Panthers ... Warrington Wolves ..... 12

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WARRINGTON were comprehensively outplayed by Penrith yesterday for a second time in a month, but three well-taken tries will go a long way towards securing them a ce in the knockout stages of the world club championship, in October.

Points difference will probably determine one or more of the three automatic qualifiers from Europe pool A, so the damage limitation to keep Penrith to under the halfcentury was a triumph of orts. The worry was that the for all but a few minutes in another loosided contest.

As ingeniously as Warrington occasionally played to manocuvre their way into scoring positions, their de-fence conceded eight tries, three of them to Matt Adamson, an unstoppable forward on the charge. "It's ttitude more than anything, Darryl Van de Velde, the Warrington coach, said. Players have got the ability to tackle, but some blokes just go in half-hearted."

It will require a more resolute rearguard to restrict Cronulla in Warrington's next match. Penrith, as dangerous as they looked at times, fumbled more ball than is customary for a leading Australian side. Despite their laxity, their scoring was divided equally between the halves. Girdler scored 20 points, with a searing break from halfway and cight faultiess goals.

Briers missed with his four kicks at goal, which might have put more pressure on Penrith, particularly before half-time, when Forster touched down a precision kick through by the depend-able Sculthorpe and Roper took a long pass by Briers to score at the right corner.

Roper's second try was another uplifting moment, but one that arrived too late. after Girdler's try and Adamson's second in the first five minutes of the second period. Adamson's third was registered when Warrington having been sent to the sinbin for a professional foul. while Farrar scored the last. SCORIERS; Pensith: Thea: M Ademson (3) Thompson, Donic, Williams, Gentler, Fanae Goals: Girder (8) Warmglon: Tries: Roper (2), Fotsær

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## Pride comes after fall in gentile world of bowls

A TALE of ghastly injuries, viruperative rows and a cosmic fit of the sulks ... great matters inspire great passions. This can only mean that we have returned to bowls.

It all goes back to the time when David Cutler, 41, was knocked off his bike between his place of work, in Plymouth, and his home, in Saltash. He broke his arm, developed a frozen shoulder and has water on the knee.

He is also a mean bowler and won a gold medal at the world outdoor fours championship in Adelaide last year. He nurses ambitions in the game of singles and had set his sights on a place in the national championship in Worthing but, as he fought to qualify, he found himself thrown out of the competition.

Matters came to a head at the Sir Francis Drake club in Plymouth. On a day in June. Cutler won his three matches, but then refused to play a fourth - this one against John Stringfellow, the county champion. He had been on the green for six hours already and was feeling his biking hurts. I felt it was unfair to expect me to play four games

in one day," he said. "Out you go then," the organisers said. "Stringfellow wins by default."

Cutler appealed to the Devon emergency committee, who confirmed that, under county rules, nobody should be expected to play four games in a day. Cutler was reinstated. He has spent the subsequent six weeks, he says, ready and willing to take on Stringfellow. Eventually, county officials

had to order the two to play, the time fixed for yesterday morning. Stringfellow declined to turn up "for personal reasons". Close observers speculate on a monumental case of the sulks.

Bowling people do not mince their words. "I am stunned and disappointed at John's unsportsmanlike attitude," Cutler said. "I am sorry he has lost the county title in such an unsatisfactory way, but it was through no fault of

SIMON BARNES



On Saturday

#### Quality width

The Channel has seen some extraordinary people, none more so than Mike Taylor, who is not quite the run-of-themill nutcase you find at Tooting Bec Lido, the largest unheated outdoor pool in Europe, Taylor, 32, has multiple sclerosis, cannot walk without sticks and is unable to use his legs to swim. A few lengths "arms only" is the biggest torture that swimmers have devised. Taylor aims to swim a quick width of La Manche in a relay with a team of five. This will put years of swimming at the lide to the ultimate test," he said.

#### **Kovers return** Major league baseball is still

struggling to recover the dam-



age done to its attendances by the strike of 1994-95. I am happy to say that, in some areas, audiences have increased hugely. This is most noticeable in the case of does. In Chicago, the dog audience has soared by 32.4 per cent. Chicago White Sox have, in the past two seasons, held a "Dog Day", in which all persons accompanied by a dog are admitted free. Dog Day 1996 attracted 321 dogs: Dog Day II, this year, brought in 425.

#### Warm feeling

This column does not shrink from its unpleasant duty of reporting off-colour stories. So, I must pass on the bizarre truth that the greatest footbailer in the world is a bed-wetter. Ronaldo, the Boy Wonder. future Internazionale player, Brazilian and at 20, the player over whom half the people in European football are fighting, admitted as much, not in private, but on Brazilian television. "I dream I am going to the bathroom," he explained helpfully, "and instead ..." -Ronaldo's, not this column's, ellipsis. His waterworks also played him up, he said, after he had scored in the Olympic tournament last year. We are all happier for knowing that.

#### Duck shoved

Miniature golf is a very serious game, and you mock miniature golfers at your peril. So it happened that Manfred A. Stewart, a professional miniature golfer. punched a cavorting mascot at a baseball game. He struck no less a personage than the Richmond Diamond Duck, who, beneath the ridiculous costume, was, in fact, female. She was doing her stuff as mascot for the Richmond Braves of Virginia (a minor league farm club of the Atlanta Braves), but she crossed the line beyond which a mascot should not stray with a professional miniature golfer. Stewart received a 30-day suspended sentence and was fined \$25 (about £15).

## Pearce joins Newcastle

STUART PEARCE yesterday signed a three-year contract with Newcastle United, worth £2 million, after being granted Forest Pearce, 35, wants to play in the FA Carling Premiership in order to improve his prospects of playing for England in the World Cup finals in France next year. Having passed a medical and agreed terms, Pearce will make his debut in a preseason match away Birmingham City today. David Hopkin, the Crystal

Palace midfield player, has decided to join Leeds United in a deal worth £3.25 million.

Swimming: Graeme Smith, Cattermole. Fran Cotton, winner last year, won the ASA national 1.500 metres freestyle title in 15min 17.70sec at Crvstal Palace yesterday to set himself up as favourite for the European title in Seville next month, Ian Wilson, of Leeds. finished second to become the only swimmer so far added to

Rugby union: Colin Herridge has resigned as chairman of the finance committee of the

ing in Paris on June 25.

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the Seville squad.

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His successor is Graham their recent successful tour of South Africa, has joined the RFU's management board.

Athletics: James Beckford, who won a long jump silver Olympic Games in Atlanta, has been banned for three months after testing positive for ephedrine, a performanceenhancing drug, at the international Amateur Athletic Federation grand prix meet-

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# Clarke leaves Open rivals in his wake

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

FIFTY years ago, the Ferrari car company was founded in May and a professional golfer from Northern Ireland. Fred Daly, won the Open Championship in July. These two disparate facts are connected and the connection is that Darren Clarke, a Northern Irishman who drives a Ferrari, is leading the 126th Open at Royal Troon. Clarke added a 66 yesterday to his opening 67 for a 36-hole total of 133 that equals the lowest first 36 holes at Troon. He is nine under par.

Clarke is two strokes ahead of Justin Leonard, the promising Texan, who had the opportunity to record the lowest round of the championship so far, a 65, when, on the sunlit final green and with a full house of spectators ready to acknowledge this achieve-ment, he let a four-foot putt slip by the hole. His 66 equalled the lowest rounds of the day, by Clarke and by Jesper Parnevik, who thereby moved to six under par and three strokes behind the

"Darren is a very good player," Fred Couples, who had a o8 to trail Clarke by four strokes, said. "He is very strong and that helps in a tournament like this."

For two days. Clarke has played with maturity and steadiness and putted beautifully, holing out, for example, from 20ft and 10ft on the first two holes and from 20ft again. on the 7th, 9th and 14th, In addition, he has benefited from a masterclass on the Toron Iron Montgomerie, given when they played together in prac-"It was where to go, where not to, what side to miss on, where the flags will go, all that sort of thing." Clarke

Daly was a small, portly man with a long swing with which he hit the ball miles. Sam Snead described him as a prince of a long-iron player". Clarke is a large, cheeryfaced young man who has grown in confidence this season and harmelled his way into the Europe Ryder Cup team with a run of five finishes in the top ten of his past eight

It was an odd sort of day, made for low scoring because

Couples: impressed

the brisk, northwesterly wind of 20mph that had blown on the first day had gone and been replaced by a deathly stillness that hung like a pall over the course. On such a day. Troon was there to be taken, the opportunity pre-sented for players to gain revenge for some of the indignities it had heaped on them in

the first round, For a long time, only Clarke and Parnevik manhandled the par-71 course. Then, as the day wore on, Mark McNulty. Tom Kite and Mark Calcavecchia came in with 67s, José Maria Olazábal. Couples and Eduardo Romero 68s and



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Colin Montgomerie a 69 that owed more to his courage than skill. Another failure in the Open for Montgomerie would have been too awful to contemplate, nor would it have been golf. It is not possible to be among the world's best golfers and miss the cut in the Open every year. The former contradicts the latter

Yet, for all this flurry of low scores, there were still only ten men under par as play drew to a close, as there had been at the end of the much more difficult opening day. Jim Furyk, the overnight leader with Clarke, went backwards after a 72, as did Greg Norman after a 73. Tiger Woods ran up an eight on the 10th hole and it took a typically courageous long putt that he rammed home on the 18th green to ensure he reached the last two munds.

Davis Love III started at one

under par and, after a 71, stayed that way. They all looked as though they were mired in quicksand, it was no surprise that

Barclay Howard, the Scot who will spearhead Great Britain and Ireland's defence of the Walker Cup in New York next month, should have fallen from grace slightly with a 74. Nevertheless, while staying alongside some of the best men who play golf for a living was always likely to be a tall order, he has guaranteed that he will win the silver medal as the leading amateur, so long as he remembers to turn up today, because he is the only remaining amateur. He and Raymond Russell are the lead-

ing Scots.
It may not be immediately obvious what Nick Faldo has in common with Nelson Mandela, Richard Branson. Edward Bond, Dennis Lillee, Jim Watt and John Glenn the answer is a birthday. As Faldo celebrated his fortieth yesterday, so Lillee was cele-brating his 48th, Mandela his 79th, Bond his 63rd, Branson his 47th, Watt his 49th and Gienn his 76th.

Faldo's celebrations were put off until the evening so as not to interfere with his golf. but, by then, he had little to celebrate about his golf. He had a typical Faldo round, made up of pars, one serious lapse, a series of good but notquite-perfect iron shots and too many poor putts. He began the day at level par and ended it two over after a

disappointing 73.
The hole that d Faldo was not the 10th, where Woods struggled, nor the 15th, where Langer had a six. Faldo fell foul of the 4th, the second-longest hole on the course, where he ballooned his third shot into a bunker

and then three-putted. At least he hit the ball seven times for his seven. Tom Lehman, the American striving to make a decent fist of defending his title, hit only five strokes on the 2nd yet ended up with a seven on his card. Having been asked to mark his ball by Vijay Singh. a playing partner, he moved his marker the length of his putter head away from Singh's line and then replaced his ball in the wrong



Clarke, his name standing proudly at the top of the leaderboard, lines up his putt on the 17th green yesterday

place. The penalty was two strokes. "It wasn't a real nice way to

start the day." Lehman said

with understatement. "It put

me to six over for the champ-

ionship, so I guess it's kind of a

four over par."

A further question was answered yesterday, namely: What is a Swedish rhapsody" Three holes in one

within 24 hours of an Open.

personal victory to get back to Pierre Fulke's on the 14th on Thursday was followed by an ace by Dennis Edlund at the 8th in the second round and then a third ace by Daniel Olsson on the 5th a few hours



Leonard: improving

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### Cricket seeks satellite solution Derby, It also stresses that

CRECKET COURESPONDENT

CRICKET is launching a passionate defence of its negotiating ability in the broadcasting market, claiming that government policy denying satellite television the chance to bid for exclusive rights to broadcast Test matches will endanger the development of the game. Alarmed by plans to in-

crease rather than relax the practice of listing sporting events that must be available on terrestrial television, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has set out the game's case for de-listing home Tests. The submission has been sent to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport this week.

Within it lies a stark warning about the effect of the 1996 Broadcasting Act and the new Government's determination

survival of some of the firstclass county clubs could be at risk, quite apart from any crucial development activity at

grasstrois level." The succession points out that broadcasting rights now account for more than 40 per cent of cricket's income. Next year, the revenue from television will be £18 million, but the figure will alter dramencally, either up or down. depending on the Government's response

The ECB bases its argument on the fact that Test cricket accounts for 190 hours of live television each year - more than the combined total of all the other domestic sports with listed events. The Board says "it is patently unlair" to place its entire flagship product against 90 minutes of the FA Cup Final, or a little more than two minutes of The other listed events bring competition from most terrestrial stations, whereas Test cricket is in a single-customer market.

Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, has had cricket's dilemma outlined to him by Terry

Marcus Trescothick hit 322 as Somerset lust to Warwickshire by six runs after being set 612 to win in the Second XI championship match at Taunton yesterday. Trescothick was the last man out, run out.

Blake, the ECB Board's marketing director, and Brian Downing, the chairman of the marketing committee. He has promised to reconsider the game's status,

Three years ago, Blake and Downing achieved a negotiat-

ing triumph, satisfactory both to the BBC and BSkyB and worth 560 million to the game over four years. This contract. which awarded live coverage of home Test series to the BBC and one-day internationals to BSkyB, with highlights packages in reverse, expires next

If BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, which owns The Times, is effectively prevented from bidding, the BBC will be able to retain Test cricket for substantially less than its market value, simply through an ab-sence of opposition. Should its hands remain fied, the ECB estimates that television income could drop to as little as £12 million a year, instead of making the hoped-for advance to £30 million or more by the quences of such a fall in revenue would be severe.

### Price leads champions' retreat from Troon

By MEL WILLIA

FOUR past Open champions are among a long list of distinguished players who will not be returning for the last two rounds after missing the cut.

The most recent Open winner to be given an unwanted weekend off was Nick Price, the champion at Turnberry in 1994. The Zimbabwean had a much-improved 72 yesterday, but the damage had been done with a seven-over-par 78 on Thursday. Sandy Lyle, the winner at Royal St George's in 1985, missed out by handsome six shots on 153.

If there was a small note of cheer to be gained from a missed cut, it went to Severiano Ballesteros, the three times Open champion. He has endured the most this season, but bravely went to within a shot of playing all four rounds. Indeed, he had a putt for a birdle at the last and the ball seemed to be going in before it ran out of puff nine inches short.

Gary Player, the South African veteran, finished on 49, seven over par. The three times Open champion acquit ted himself well yesterday with a level-par TI and, with the cut prediction edging up towards six over par for a time, was kicking himself for

a bogey five at the last.

Eventually, though, the mark went back to five, which eased the pangs of guild assailing Costantino Rocca and Lee Janzen. Rocca storted the day on four over par and seemed to be holding things ogether as he passed the turn in level par, but dropped shots at the 11th and 12th, then double bogeyed the last to faish eight over.

Janzen, the 1993 US Open champion, let a single stroke slip away on the 18th to leave him seven over. Janzen, like proved vastly with a 71 on a calm second day, after his 78

in the wind-hit first round. Meanwhile Barciay Howard, who featured strongly on the leaderboard on Thursday, became certain to win the silver medal for the best amateur performance. He added a 74 to the one-underpar 70 that he scored in the first round to finish on 144. two over par. The other six amateurs in the field went out.

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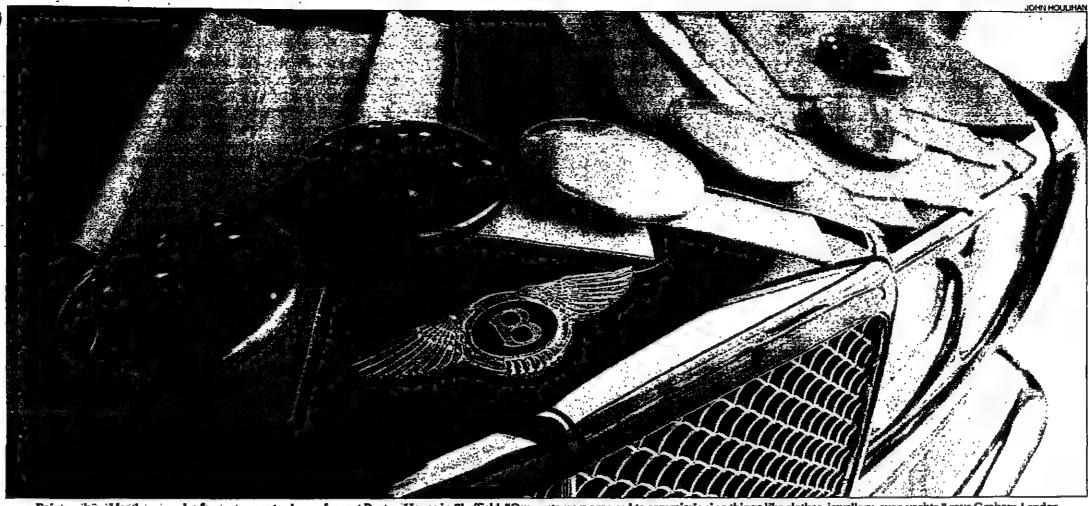


For sale: racing car with a history of murder



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Alan Copps experiences time travel at the wheel of a turbocharged giant from Crewe



# Bentley goes back to the future

t looked to my experienced eye like a 20-minute queue. But the curse of London's Blackwall Tunnel struck hard this time and we were obliged to sit and chat in air-conditioned comfort for at least an hour while the children in the back seats watched almost the entire video of Fantasia.

There's a lot to be said for driving a modern Bentley in such circumstances. At one time a die-hard Bentley enthusiast might mutter at this point "and not a lot to be said at any other time". But even the band who revere the marque's founder "W.O." as an automotive saint and have mourned ever since Rolls-Royce took over the company in

1931 would agree these days... The car in question was a Bentley Turbo RT, one of a number of new four-door Rolls-Royce and Bentley models launched last week and it was when the traffic cleared that its merits were best appreciated. After all, if you're paying around £149,000 for a car you have every right to expect top-class leather and finest walnut, lambswool rugs, a cocktail cabinet, fridge, in-car video. CD player, built-in mobile phone and seats like armchairs.

But you might just raise an eyebrow when you put your foot down and the whole 21 tons of Blenheim Palace on wheels hits 60mph in less than six seconds. I regret to say there was nowhere that I could test the 150mph "governed" maximum speed. But if you told me this space ship could reach warp factor 9.8 and beat the Starship Enterprise to the Delta Quadrant, I'd believe it. My American guests were impressed as we made up time on the way to our. picnic at Leeds Castle in Kent (hungry from the delay, my daughter jumped into the boot to eat).

VOME THANK

What Rolls-Royce has done to the Bentley marque in the last 15 years is an example of time travel. The basic shape has not changed greatly since the cars were open to criticism as simply rebadged Rolls-Royces, but the character has changed radically back towards the cars that W.O. made. Ray Wiltshire, President of the Bentley Drivers Club, and as likely to be more of this service directly.

Mans "blower" as a modern "space ship" says: "I'm delighted with the way the company has been returning to the roots of the marque. I think the spirit they are bringing to its revival is tremendous."

Benleys now account for 60 per cent of the company's sales world-wide and what the Turbo RT shows is that the magic breathed on twodoor models like the Continental T and convertible Azure can be successfully translated to four-door models. The heart of that change must lie in the turbocharging of the 6.75-litre V8 engine, boosting power to a mighty 400bmp. Advances in roadholding and handling have



My daughter jumped into the boot for her picnic

kept pace with sheer power and for such a hefty package the car is

astonishingly agile. But in launching this latest range of four-door models, the company has taken another step back to the future by emphasising the degree to which buyers can "bespoke" their cars. Of course, there's never been a Rolls-Royce or Bentley that wasn't bespoke to a greater or lesser degree. In days gone by both companies would build only running chassis and any buyer would go to his favoured coachbuilder to commission bodywork and fittings. Now by stepping up the operations of coachbuilders Mulliner Park Ward at its Crewe factory the company is offering a great deal

owned marque in the world's top ten recognised brands. We've got to be very special. The first step to a bespoke car is to sit down with a designer and explore the purpose for which a customer wants a car," says Graham Morris, Chief Execu-tive of Rolls-Royce Motors.

Graham Lenden, product mar keting manager, says: "We want visiting the factory to be part of the experience. It's like going to your favourite tailor. We are in the high luxury sector. Our customers are used to commissioning things like

ciothes, jewellery, art, even yachts." The extreme examples of commissioning the company quotes are the "Talamo Bentley", a Continental R in stripped-out racing form ordered by Italian dealer Carlo Talamo, and the ultimate Rolls-Royce Park Ward, a limousine with heelbase extended by 48ins and laden with special equipment for a ruler in the Far East.

About 1,000 potential customers visited the Crewe factory last year. But to make it easier to involve them in design the "bespoke" treatment is being extended to dealers. A pilot project at Burton House in Sheffield has proved enormously successful. "We opened our doors five months ago and have sold 32 cars, 17 Bentley Turbo Rs, two Azures, two Continental Ts, six Brooklands, three Rolls-Royce Silver Spurs and two Silver Dawns. But only one was to be chauffeur driven," says general

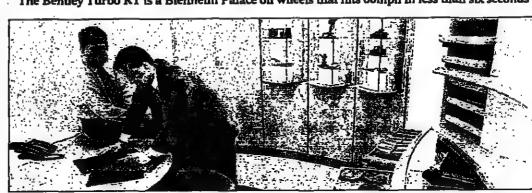
manager John Mason. The showroom has separate Rolls-Royce and Bentley commis-sioning booths with choices of everything from paintwork to piping. The idea has worked so well that the company has produced its own limited edition Continental named the Chatsworth after the stately home of a customer, the Duke of Devonshire.

With its hide-covered top rails, black chrome and angled central console, it's a strikingly modern car for a "traditional" maker and at £245,000 about £20,000 more than the basic car. When I arrived the boxer Prince Naseem Hamed, fresh from a prang in a Ferrari, had just been out on a test drive.





The Bentley Turbo RT is a Blenheim Palace on wheels that hits 60mph in less than six seconds



Burton House: "We opened five months ago and have sold 32 cars - only one chauffeur driven"

### Silver Ghost, gold quality

Lord Montagu

recalls the launch by his father of

the most famous

Rolls-Royce model in 1908

hen my father swit-ched on the electric the new Derby factory ly equipped motor works in the kingdom" — on 9 July 1908, he remarked: "There is one reason why I think the Rolls-Royce is the best car in the world and that is because I have just ordered one

That statement was all the more remarkable since it was only four years since Henry Royce had built his first car. However, demand for nis first car. Flowever, demand for Rolls-Royce cars had quickly outstripped the capacity of Royce's factory in Cooke Street, Manchester. This in any case had been established for the manufacture of the "dynamos, motors and kindred articles", which had made Henry Royce's name as an electrical Royce's name as an electrical engineer, and a "sort of guerilla Royce and his works manager over whether mechanics should work on motor cars or the electric cranes which were the mainstay of the JUSTITIESS.

Cars might have remained a sideline to the activities of Royce and company had it not been for the arrival on the scene of the Hon C.S. Rolls, third son of Lord Llangattock. Rolls had been one of Britain's first private motorists and in 1903 had set up in business as a supplier of motor cars to the well-to-do. a business in which he was joined by the former secretary of the Automobile Club. Claude Johnson. The refined qualities of Royce's first car had appealed to Rolls and Johnson, even though it was only a 10hp two-cylinder model, and they agreed to take all his production, which they sold under the name "Rolls Royce".

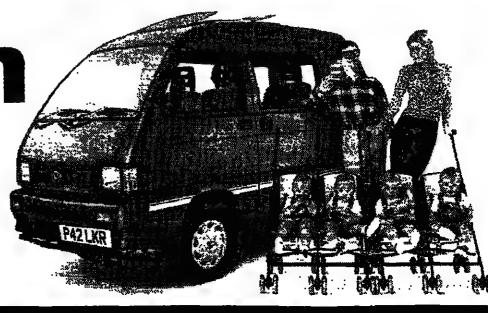
t first, Rolls-Royce had offered a complex range of cars — 10hp twin, 15hp three, 20hp four and 30hp six-cylinder - which had been compounded in 1905 by the addition of a V8 power unit used in the short-lived "Legalimit" - which was designed to be incapable of exceeding the 20pmh speed

All of these were soon to be swept away by a 40/50 hp six-cylinder model first seen at the 1906 Olympia Motor Show, in which year the association between the electrical engineer and the aristocrat was formalised by the registration of a new company, Rolls-Royce Ltd. It was not an easy birth: investors were wary of new car company launches after a succession of unstable firms had collapsed with heavy losses, and the issue - vital to the financing of the new factory — was seriously undersubscribed as the due date neared. It was only the intervention of an enthusiastic Rolls-Royce owner named Arthur Briggs, who agreed to take up the shortfall, which saved the flotation from failure.

Early in 1907, work started on the new factory on a greenfield site on the outskirts of Derby, and in Continued on page 2

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Road deaths are down thanks to videocameras, so now it's time to install more of them — financed by the revenue raised from speeding fines

# Take a snap in complete safety

he four London boroughs that installed speed cameras three years ago could scarcely have dreamt that they would reduce road deaths by 70 per cent. The announcement by Hillingdon, Hounslow, Richmond and Ealing this week that average annual road deaths are down from 21 to six means that cameras are here to stay.

That was never in much doubt, because the evidence from elsewhere in Britain has been that cameras are a major deterrent. Anyone who has occasionally been foolish enough to risk a speeding fine in areas where there are carneras has noticed that other drivers are travelling markedly slower. In the days before cameras, speeding motorists were one of a pack; now they stand out like

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

Extrapolate the figures from London and the national potential is quite remarkable. At present about 3,600 people are killed each year in road accidents; about onethird of those can be attributed to speed. So if the London percentage full of 70 per cent applied national-

The question that now arises is that if cameras are so successful, why are so few of our roads covered by them? This issue came up on the Today programme on Wednesday. Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, was asked why cash-starved police authorities could not share the revenue from speeding fines to fund more

He gave an answer that was too complex for most of us at that hour of the morning; it had something to do with the fact that speeding offences would have to be decriminalised for the revenue to go in that direction. Even a senior police officer on the same programme seemed not to know what Strang was talking about,

right. Britain has a bizarre and archaic legal system and not the least of its curiosities is that money

subsidy to farmers or a luncheon voucher for a civil servant. Speeding is a crime, therefore if

the money raised from speeding tickets is to be spent directly on cameras, which are funded locally, raised from criminal fines goes straight to the Treasury, where it disappears into a black hole and speeding would have to be de-criminalised. The fine would then become a charge, and a charge can be raised by local authorities (or re-emerges in the guise of a indeed police authorities) and spent on specific measures. Parking fines in London boroughs, for

SPEED

example, are not really fines but charges and are payable to the

local authority.

Strang said on Today that speeding kills people, therefore he was reluctant to decriminalise it. I agree with that, but surely that is looking through the wrong end of the telescope. What we need is not

but a change to the rule that says criminal fines must go to the Treasury. They should go where they can best be used.

The other thing shown by the London accident figures is that the possibility of a speed camera being a dummy, meaning that there is no camera in the pod, does not seem to encourage people to take a chance. This is just as well, but it would obviously be better if all had functioning videocameras, not only used against motorists but also to catch muggers and other anti-social elements.

We need not get too carried away with the idea of cameras as a cure-all, otherwise moralisers will have them installed in hotel rooms and overlooking park benches. But as a means of saving lives, they are clearly here to stay. Loaded or not.

I SEE that Tony Blair's Cabinet has agreed to spend at least part of their summer holiday in Britain as part of an effort to boost the home tourist trade. Jolly good. I would strongly suggest that all the transport department politicians head for the South West by car. thus enabling them to travel via the roadworks on the M5 bridge at Avonmouth. Yes, the same road-

### Hot August is forecast for dealers

next month could be the busiest ever as motorists rush to take part in what is likely to be the last of its kind. With the August new-registration letter system about to be revamped, "R' registration sales could go close to the record 500,000 mark, and spending is forecast to be the highest yet.

A survey by windscreen specialists Autoglass reports that British motorists have 30 per cent more money to spend on their cars this August, and that whereas last year motorists spent £7,060 - on top of selling or part-exchanging their old vehicle to change cars, this summer that will

be closer to £9,000. Alan Pulham, director of the National Franchised Dealers Association, says: "We anticipate 490,000 customers driving out of the nation's showrooms in brand-new cars this August. Whether it is one of the new breed of superminis, or the multihad so many options to choose from.

There is a car to suit every pocket." The choice is bewildering, but it does seem that convertibles are making a comeback, and the Renault Megane is one of the most attractive. The Megane's design allows it to convert from a four-seater Cabriolet to a two-seater Roadster. Priced at £16,235 for the 116 mph 1.6-litre, and E19,040 for the 134 mph. 2-litre 16valve, it offers class-leading performance and value.

Ford revolutionised its image, first with the launch of the Ka, and now of the Puma. Acclaimed as probably the striking Ka (£8,015) and the more luxurious Ka2 (£8,860), with power

Ready for the rush on R reg? Vaughan

Freeman reports







Spoilt for choice: among the new models are, from left, the Vauxhall Corsa GLS: the Subaru Impreza 2.0; and the Rover 1.8 VCC Coupé

windows, have turned small-car runabouts into trendy fashion statements

The arrival of the Puma has done much the same by shaking up the Flesta-sized car segment. The lovelylooking 120 mph 1.7-litre 16-valve Puma, which sells at £14,500, is already in the running for the title of

best coupé on the road this year. The Puma is good, but it pales in comparison with the Lutus Elise. A sports car, its ultralight aluminium chassis enables the relatively modest 1.8-litre engine to wring maximum fun and supercar acceleration from the £21,000 package.

Lovers of high performance cars who prefer four-wheel drive can choose the Subaru Impreza Catalunya, launched to mark the car firm's 1996 World Rally Champion-

steering, central locking and electric ship title. Only 200 of the turbocharged two-litre Catalunyas will be - each individually numbered sold ` customers will get all-wheel drive, air conditioning, gold-coloured alloy wheels, and 145 mph performance.

> ore than twice as costly is the Mitsubishi 3000 GT, although its 1 \$44,000 price seems to offer twice the goodies, including four-wheel drive, four-wheel steering. and electronically controlled suspension, as well as three-year warranty and a top speed in excess of 150 mph.

Motorists looking for a practical car in a more stylish and innovative alternative package than the usual Mondeo/Vectra family saloon, could do worse than consider the Renault Megane Scenic. A two-litre car with

seating for five, the Scenic provides a spacious cabin as well as underfloor lockers and removable seats, and

Rover is hoping to boost sales with a range of niche products, in Cabriolet, Coupé and Tourer form, and er prices, starting with its 1.8-litre VVC (Variable Valve Control) Coupe, priced at £17,995, which borrows the engine from Rover's MGF two-seat sports car.

Rover has taken £1,000 off the price of its 1.6-litre Coupe, now priced at £15,995, and has launched a new 1.6litre SE Coupé with five-spoke alloy wheels, coloured rear spoiler and integral front log lamps at £16,995. There is also £1,000 off the 1.6-litre Tourer, now priced at £14,995. The 1.6-litre "niche" Cabriolet is priced from £15,995 to £17,495 for the SE

At Vauxhall, the £7,500 to £12,500 Corsa range has been updated and has benefited from having Lotus as claiming the most frugal engine in its class, a 1.6-litre unit capable of almost 49 mpg mixed driving and a top speed of 93 mph, a limited edition Corsa, the £8,395 Sting, features £1,400 worth of "free" equipment.

Mitsubishi's

new 3000 GT

(left) offers

huxury at a hefty £44,600

including pearlescent paint. Britain's fourth best-selling car last year, the £12,700 to £22,000 Vauxhall Vectra, now gets anti-lock braking as standard, with air conditioning available across the whole range.

One of the latest people movers to arrive is the eight-seat Vauxhall Sintra, priced from £19,000 to £25,350. The Sintra comes in 2.2-litre ló-valve form offering 29 mpg in mixed driving, and the less economical 24.6 mpg three-litre V6.

#### MENDLOCK GUIDE

B506 Great Portland Street, Marylebone/Euston, Carriageway reduced to one lane southbound near this Tube for

A2 New Cross. Restrictions on Old Kent Road at various times during the day near to Asylum Road. A306 Hammermith Bridge. Closed both ways to general traffic. A1209 Bothmal Green Road, Long term readworks between Vallance Road and Cambridge Heath Road. SOUTH-EAST

Temporary lights at junction with A340. M40 Buckinghamshire.
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Bridge, Bedminster. Majo pures on Bedminster M5 Bristol, Commissiow across Avonmouth Bridge with 50mph limit. A30 Camborne bypase, Corrwall. Lane closure westoound during drainage

A39 near Bush, north of Bude, Cornwall, Resurfacing work with temporary lights. A30 Sowton, Exeter Devon. One lane closed towands Honiton. Roadworks between the Business Park and M5 overbridge. M3 Exster. One lane closed on the northbound off slip. A417 Maisemore Bridge Gloucestershire. Temporary lights during bridge work.

MIDLANDS AND FAST ANGLEA A1 between Alconbury Hill and Alwalton, Cambridgeshire, Construction work with lane

Temporary lights at Roc Road, southbound 9.30am to A140 Norwich, Roadworks with lane restrictions on Harford bridge. A52 Beeston, Nottingham-shire. Major roadworks on Derby Road, Expect delays between Sherwin Arms and Priory roundabouts. M54 Shropshire. Contraflow with westbound traffic on the shoulder, Eastbound on to lanes 1 and 2 of westbound carriageway. A50 Kidsgrove, Staffordshire. Liverpool Road closed due to roadworks between The Avenue and Gloucester

M6 junction 6 Birmingham. Long-term roadworks, Northbound entry slip to M6 North closed at Salford Circus NORTH
 A38 South Normanton,

Ass South Normanion, Derbyshire, Major Roadworks. A689 Wolviston, north of Middlesbrough. Reduced to one lane each way be-tween A19 and A1185, A580 East Lancs Road, Lowton, Greets Managerts. Lowton, Greater Manchester Reduced to one lane westbound near Church Lene. A671 Burnley, Temporary lights on Becup Road near Crown Point Road M65 between Blackburn and Accrington.. Contration with westbound entry slip road at junction 7 down to a single lane. MS3 Birkenhead, Carriage

way reduced to one lane both ways on Moreton spur. 50mph limit.
A69 between Acomb Turning and Hexham West,
Northumberland, Major roadworks with contrallow A19 between Thomaby-on-Tees and Billingham, North

with two lanes each way and roadworlds continue around the Leeds junction with lane closures and apped restrictions. Expect delays on the M1, M621 and Dews bury Road. WALES

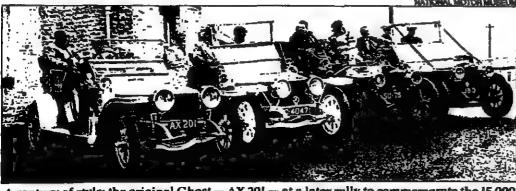
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Urig. A5 Padog Bends near Betws Y Coed, Conwy. Tem-porary lights for building work. A449 Monmouthshire, Long delays between Usk junction and M4 junction 24 at Newport.
A483 Powys. Temporary lights on Park Road, Builth Wells.

A483 Swansea Committow Continues at Fabian Way Docks between Vale of Neath Road and Elbe Crescent.

SCOTLAND Aberdeen Anderson Drive, one lane each way between Seafield Road roundabout and Queens Road. A74 Duminies and Galloway. Lane closures between Greenhillstairs and Gretna. M8 Glasgow. Narrow lanes and speed restrictions each way at Cardonald interchange.





A century of style: the original Ghost - AX 201 - at a later rally to commemorate the 15,000-mile trial and the Park Ward, the ultimate in bespoke Rolls-Royce luxury

Continued from page 1 April that year the press at last were given the opportunity to ride in the new car which had been unveiled at the Motor Show. The fastidious Royce had refused to make it available to the public until it met his own uncompromising

standards. Johnson drove the Autocar's correspondent from London to Bexhill and back on the twelfth of the new 40/50hp cars to be completed, and the

THE FIRST CAR TO SWIM THE

CHANNEL, A 1962 AMPHICAR

AUTOFAX by Les Evans and David Long

whatever speed this car is being driven on its direct third, there is no engine so far as sensation goes, nor are one's auditory nerves troubled, driving or standing, by a fuller sound than that emanates from an eight-day clock.

"There is no realisation of driving propulsion; the feeling as the passenger sits either at front or back of the vehicle is one of being wafted through the landscape."

Still unfinished, that car had left the Manchester factury only a few days earlier, but its uncanny silence had already earned it the name of the Silver Ghost, and after that road test it was sent away for its body to be painted with aluminium paint and its metal parts to be silver-plated.

Early in May Silver Ghost was submitted to a 2,000-mile observed long-distance reliability trial under the supervision of what had recently

IN 1906 THE WORGLE-BUG.

RACING VERSION OF THE

PEPULAR STANCEY STELLER,

become the Royal Automobile Club, running most of the way against a white steam car - "a car quite as ghostly in its movements" - and, after some early problems with a faultily adjusted carburettor had been cured, was driven from the south coast to Scotland using only the directdrive third and overdrive fourth speeds.

But the test that really showed the supremacy of the Silver Ghost took place be-

tween June 21 and August 8, when it covered 15,000 miles. the longest trial distance permitted by the RAC, with only one trifling stop, when the petrol tap shook into the closed position after 629 miles and cut off the supply to the carburettor, causing 60 seconds' delay. To cover 14,371 miles without a

breakdown was

run, it "was found

to be in all respects

not only a record The feeling but a near miracle in those days, at front or when even the most experienced back is of motorists were frequently benighted wafting by mechanical failures, and when the through the club dismantled the car after the

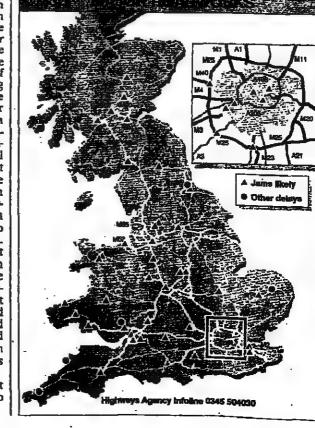
in perfect running order and in exceptionally good condition . . . had the car been in the hands of a private owner, no replacements would have been considered necessary". As it was, a few small wearing parts were replaced to bring the car to "as new" condition at the trifling cost of £2.2s.7d (£2.16p).

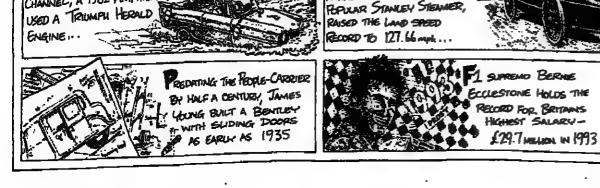
The weekly Motor called the trial "the best object lesson on the durability of the modern motor that could possibly be given", while the Automotor Journal praised "one of the most conclusive - if not the most conclusive - trials of downright merit in touring car construction which the has ever world-

seen". And when the Country Genreflected "credit not only upon the firm, but upon British engineering as a whole", it

Rolls-Royce my father ordered in 1908 - one of the limited edition "70hp" models, named Dragonfly - so delighted him that to the end of his days his main car was a Rolls-Royce.

was speaking no less than the truth. The Silver Ghost landscape' was the car which made the name Rolls-Royce a byword for excellence and that But how I wish he had kept Dragonfly, because today no 70hp models have survived.







A German revolution has been planned by a Brit. Vaughan Freeman explains

four decades to follow the lead of the revolutionary Mini and produce its first true front-wheel drive car.

But the German manufacturer, better known for its huge rearwheel drive limousines and executive expresses, is hoping that its new A-class will, like the Mini before it, prove a crucial turning point in the way cars are designed and leave the competition clamouring to catch up.

When Alec Issigonis unveiled his tiny car, there was nothing to touch it for cute styling, the extraordinarily space efficient packaging, and the way seating for four and a modest amount of luggage could pack into its 10ft length.

Mercedes has moved the goalthe aid of a British designer - and. just as the Mini did in 1959, redefined car design by defying the accepted pigeon-holing into estate. saloon, hatchback or Espace-style people mover.

Steve Mattin, 32, joined Mercedes straight after graduating from Coventry Polytechnic 10 years ago, and is responsible for the Aclass exterior styling.

being at the wheel of something Mercedes, from the three-pointed star on the steering wheel to the robust feeling of security and quality build. Only when you step out, and down, from it are you reminded that, far from being in a Mercedes saloon four feet longer. you are in the half-pint sized A-

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"When the Mini came out, people did not realise just how revolutionary a car it was," Mattin says. "Only after a few years had gone by did that realisation come about. The A-class is just as revolutionary as the Mini was in its time, because it offers so much more than other: cars, and all in one package.

"The initial problem we had at Mercedes, used to building saloons, coupés and limousines, was to come to grips with the propor-tions of the A-class, using a one-box. design for maximum interior space.

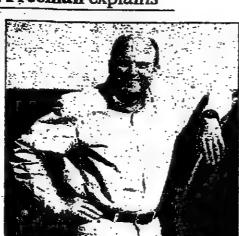
Mercedes got round that prob-lem by creating in effect a twostorey car, with all the innards such as the petrol tank, axles, battery and exhaust in the "basement" safely stashed under the floor of the body. The occupants sit above the cars busy bits, half a foot or so higher than in a normal road car, which makes them safer in a crash. At the same time, a revolutionary Sshaped engine and gearbox was created which sits at an angle beneath the front passengers, again to save space.

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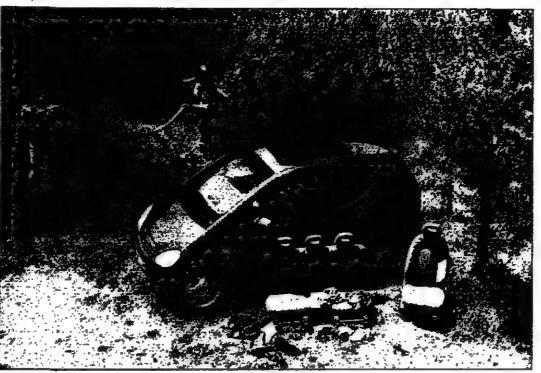
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The engine design also increases safety because in an accident the engine is pushed down and back. instead of through the front bulwark and back into the passenger compartment to break legs. The design works so well that inside there is only 4mm less length than in the Mercedes C-class, which is 941m longer on the outside than the marque." A-class.





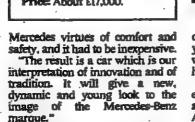
"It's our interpretation of innovation and tradition. It will give a new, dynamic and young look to the image of the marque"



#### A-CLASS 160

Engine: 1.6-litre fourunder producing luzbip 5.250rpm, and driving front wheels through fivespeed manual gearbox. Performance: Top speed 113mph, 0-60mph in around 10 seconds. **Economy:** Combined cycle 41mpg. Equipment: Twin and

side airbags, anti-lock braking, radio-cassette, central locking. Options include fold-back louvred sunroof and cycle racks. Price: About £17,000.



Mercedes sees its A-class as a Helmut Petri, project development manager, says: The car son, a roadgoing decathlete able to posed many conflicting problems excel in all disciplines. It will need for us. It had to be short and light, to It has spent around £1 billion at the same time it had to share the over the past three years on the A-



The feel is of being at the wheel of something much bigger

class and plans to sell 200,000 a year. Of those just under 20,000 will sell after the car goes on sale here this time next year.

Priced at between £14,000 for the entry level Al40 1.4-litre Classic, and £17,000 for the Al60 1.6-litre Avantgarde, it will be by far the cheapest Mercedes to go on sale in Britain, and the company expects 80 per cent of customers will be "conquest" sales, motorists usually seen in a Ford, VW or Vauxhall. It will come in three trim levels,

and with 1.4-litre (82bhp), or 1.6litre (102bhp) petrol engines, as well as a 1.7-litre diesel (60bhp) and a 1.7-litre turbodiesel (90bhp).

The five-door A-class seats five, and Mercedes claims more than 70 seating permutations, with all but the driver's seat removable, offering a maximum of up to 1,700 litres of space, enough for a couple of Standard equipment includes

dual airbags, anti-lock braking, central locking, electric windows



and power steering, and Mercedes is also considering whether to lengthen its current warranty to three-years for the A-class. Servicing too will be cheaper, with trips to the garage coming up only every 25,000 miles, cutting maintenance bills by a claimed 30 per cent.

As well as the five-speed manual, there is a clutchless manual, a sort of automatic with a gearstick, which seems a remarkably pointless application of technology. The instinct, as one road tester found, was still to try and use the absent clutch when moving the gearstick. which only resulted in an unwanted emergency stop on the motorway as he hit the brake instead of

The manual, in contrast, is easy. the clutch light, and even with the 1.4-litre there is plenty of pep. although the fifth gear is a pure fuel-saving overdrive. For motorway overtaking the driver needs to drop down to fourth for meaningful acceleration. The 1.6-litre is excel-

lent in town and on dual carriageways, quiet and responsive, which means a promised more powerful version due in two years should be as much fun again.

Whether the A-class is considered an estate or people mover. hatch or spacious saloon, the German manufacturer is happy to let others decide. Certainly it is an intriguing Jack of all trades. Time will tell whether, like the Mini, it turns out to be a time-defying

In the States, hairdressers are

places, so we thought it was a

having a shop frontage might

be a disadvantage, but the

bistro will soon be here and

"I was worried that not

### Morag Preston visits a car-dealer with a new slant on making the showroom woman-friendly — add a hairdresser



New Chapters: "In an average week, the hair salon sees 200 people. A lot pop in and look around the showroom"

### Parked next to the rollers

to greet customers at a car dealership in Birmingham as the rumble of engines and smell of petrol.

Bromsgrove-based Clarks Motor Services has opened an ladies' hairdressers in a bid to entice women in. Female professionals are being tempted by the time-saving concept of getting their fuel injection adjusted and their split ends seen to in one go. Buy a car. and you get a free haircut.

With a hairstyle so out of solicitors or acdate that a Lada cuts more of countants, we a dash. I headed in search of a thought a hair sanew look. Sweeping through huge double doors, I caught a duce a complesneaky last look at my thatch on the side of a shiny new Corolla. Snaking past tubs of plastic plants and a three-tier fountain, I was led upstairs to the new Chapters salon.

"Hello, my name is Emma, I am your stylist for the day," said my copper-coiffured asspirational pictures, we decided on a hairstyle à la actress Gina Gershon. Masinto my hair. Emma Broad- have the deciding factor, and training. "Clarks approached Landcruiser any day.

The whire of hair- hurst told me I had just it is about exposing our us because we had outgrown dryers and scent of missed an example of the shampoo is as likely perfect customer: a no-non- an average week, the hair sense businesswoman who had dropped off her car to be serviced, and had her hair cut at the same time. It is women like her Clarks is trying so

> nard, dealer principal: "When we were planning the They can sit new site, we decided to lease the mezzanine floor. Rather than go for lon would intro-

hard to attract.

mentary dientele to the dealership." All too aware that car salesmen intimidated' have long held a reputation for

\*high-pressure sharp-practice. Mr Stannard wants Chapters who is renting the women to feel more comfortsistant. Flicking through in- able walking into the showroom. "The biggest problem a dealership has is getting people through the door. A lot saging Awapuhi shampoo of ladies are buying cars, or

products to that audience. In salon sees 200 people. A lot of ladies pop in and look around the showroom. They sit upstairs and can look down at us without feeling intimidated." A wine bar and bistro to be

According to Martin Stan- opened next door is the next stage in Mr Stannard's plan to entice new customers into the showroom. Clarks also and look owns a 17-seater minibus, a fleet of down at the child-sized motor-

bouncy castle,

which it lends to

form of advertis-

ing, but it benefits

"It's another

local schools.

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the community at the same time," he says. Steve Evans, a partner at site on a six-year lease, is enjoying the benefits of the cross-marketing ploy. The

next development in their

relationship is combining

databases and sharing staff

the Bromsgrove Rovers football ground next door is being turned into a supermarket. When we first told people that wew were moving to a car dealership, they said You're kidding'. They had the idea that it was all dirt cars and ised cars, and a

greasy cars, but it's not like that. A couple of people have bought cars on he back of it. One lady wanted to write a cheque right there and then." As for my hair? Emma daubed it in sculpting foam and doused me in soft spray, but I did not look anything like Gina Gershon. Having been persuaded to test drive rollers in my hair for the first time, I will put it down to experience. My new bouffant was bigger than an overinflated car tyre, and a sideparting is definitely not for

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Presented this year by Chrysler, the line-up of drivers includes three Ferrari world champions. Phil Hill. John Surfees and Jody Scheckter. But perhaps the most signifi-cant tribute to the Italian

factory that celebrates its 50th anniversary this year is the

return to Silverstone of Froilan Gonzalez, the great Argentin-

ian driver nicknamed "the Bull of the Pampas" because of

his hulky physique and dash-

Grand Prix in 1951 in a 44-

litre Ferrari was the marque's

first World Championship

win and signalled the end of

an era dominated by super-

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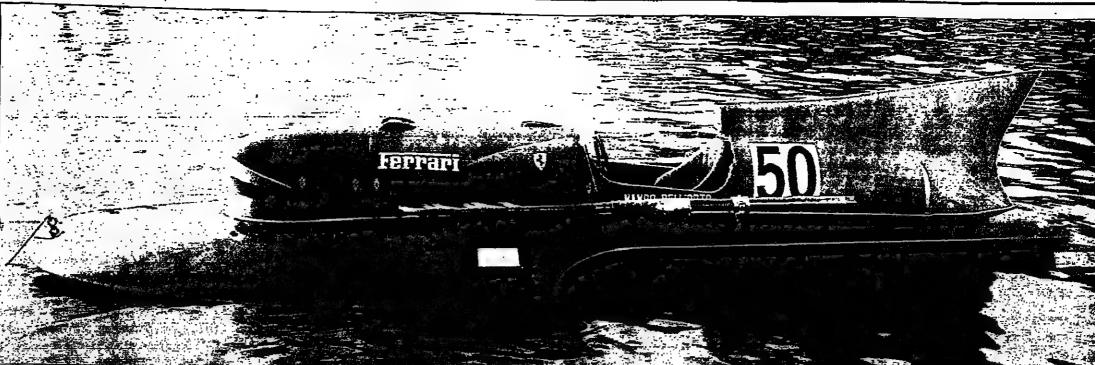
again for Ferrari in 1954.

His victory in the British

ing style.

writes Alan Copps.

The Coys International Historic Festival is the best chance in Britain to see legendary cars racing against each other on a grand prix circuit,



The 1953 Ferrari/Timossi Hydroplane, which wealthy Italian Achille Castoldi persuaded Enzo Ferrari to work on as a challenger for world water speed records. It topped 150mph on Lake Iseo

# The Ferrari that made waves

A million-dollar hydroplane and a car stained with murder are part of

a £7m auction. Tony Dawe reports

sita car, is it a boat ... is it really a Ferrari? The answer to all these quessleek red machine which goes on sale at Silversione next Saturday is "Yes".

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The Ferrari/Timossi Hydroplane was built in 1953 by the famous Italian manufacturer with a supercharged motor racing engine to challenge for world water speed records. It topped 150mph on Lake Iseo in northern Italy, a record for its class, and later reached an

unofficial 178mph. In recent years, the milliondollar machine has graced the Ferrari museum and major motoring events throughout Europe, but on July 26 it will 20 under the hammer as the star attraction at an auction staged by Coys of Kensington, West London, as part of its international historic festival at Britain's Grand Prix circuit.

It will be joined by more orthodox Ferraris in a sale which is expected to raise £7 million, the largest auction of its type in Britain — and probably Europe — for at least

The sale will also offer cars with an intriguing, romantic and even tragic history, in-cluding the HRG Emperor which played a part in the murder of motor racing enthusiast David Blakely and the execution of his killer, Ruth Ellis. In complete contrast, the sale will also offer a 1936 baby

Flat called the Topolino, meaning "little mouse".

The Ferrari Hydroplane was born out of the desire of Achille Castoldi, a wealthy Italian. Through his friendship with racing drivers Luigi Villoresi and Alberto Ascari, Castoldi obtained access to Enzo Ferrari and persuaded him to spend more time and money than he would have wished on converting and supercharging a 4.5-litre V12. design called ARNO XI.
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amount at the Brooks auction

at the National Motor Muse-

It is described as "a short-

chassis 3.6-litre, three-to-four

seater sports torpedo" and

carries the name Alfonso XIII

because of the Spanish mon-

arch's support for the model.

achievements included lap-

ping Brooklands at \$1.51mph

in 1914 and claiming first place

Gaillon hill climb, a 1-in-10

the tourist class at the

The 15T's remarkable

um, Beaulieu.

The car, designed by the

sale, Tony Dawe writes.

owner to sell this famous machine at auction and the entry in the sale of a rare 1955 Ferrari 857/S, one of the most successful competition cars of all time and another milliondollar vehicle, has encouraged other owners to put fabulous cars into the auction," says

Tim Schofield of Coys.
With Ferrari celebrating its 50th anniverary this year, some collectors have decided this is an ideal time to sell and we will be offering 30 of the marque from a 1953 212 series Cabriciet to a 1990 F40."

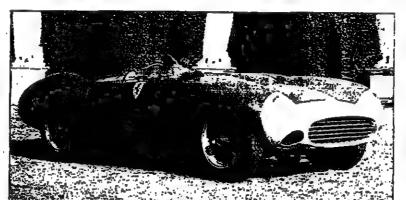
The sale has been further boosted by 17 cars from Hans Dürst, the Swiss ice bockey champion who became a wealthy motor dealer. They include a 1972 Lamborghini Miura, one of a handful of cars which can claim to have influenced future design, and a 1957 BMW 507 two-seater roadster. one of the models that helped establish the company as a top manufacturer

the.. viewings next Thursday, Priday and Saturday will, inevitably, focus on Blakely's dream car which was used in Dance with a Stranger, the film about his relationship with Ellis.

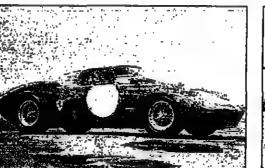
The Emperor was built for Blakely by an Aston Martin engineer around a new engine developed by HRG from a twin-cam version of a Singer 1500cc engine. The racing enthusiast had spent much of his inheritance on the car, to the annoyance of Ellis, and this extravagance was one source of increasing tension between the engaged couple.

On his debut in the car at the 1954 Boxing Day meeting at Brands Hatch, Blakely fin-ished just behind a Connaught-powered Lotus and in front of the Cooper-Bristol and was looking forward to future victories. Before he could race again, however. Blakely was

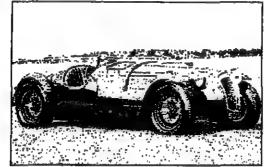
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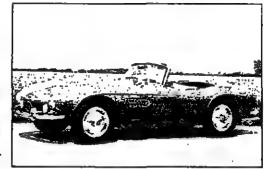
The million-dollar 1955 Ferrari 857/S, which won five times in nine starts



A 1964 Ferrari 250 Le Mans, one of only 32 built



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The 1972 Lamborghini Miura from the Hans Dürst collection

A 1957 BMW 507, also from the Dürst collection

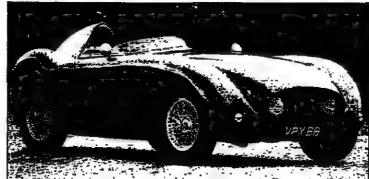


and Miranda Richardson as David Blakely and Ruth Ellis in Dance with a Stranger, the film that also featured the **HRG** Emperor (right) which increasing between the ill-

His Majesty went that way

King Alfonso's means of escape from angry husbands

tops the bill in a veteran and classic collection sale





in hand-built sports cars of

advanced design, but produc-

tion failed to recommence

The 1939 drophead coupé

after the Second World War.

featured in the sale was re

stored between 1988 and 1994 and finished in pale blue over

dark blue with dark blue

leather interior and is expected

Among the sports cars on

offer is an historic ex-works

2.6-litre Aston Martin DB2.

driven in the 1950s by Reg Parnell. In his hands, the

touring coupé made successful

appearances in the 1952 Mille

Miglia, the Prix de Berne and

the Shelsley Walsh hill climb.

Angela Brown, daughter of

David, who owned Aston

Martin, won a Silverstone

race in the car before it was

An earlier and equally desir-

able racer in the sale is a 1927

Vauxhall 30/98. A previous

version had become the first

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Brooklands at more than

100mph in March 1923. The

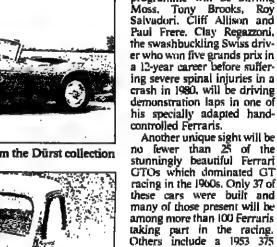
model on offer carries the

sporting Velox four-seat tourer

sent to Australia.

to fetch around £35,000.

The extremely rare first-year production 1936 Fiat Topolino



driven by Regazzoni, Niki Lauda and Carlos Reutemann in 1976. Tickets now only available from Silverstone on the day.

Mille Miglia once driven by

Fangio, the Super Squalo driv

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The Vi2 Atalanta, one of only two survivors

Alfonso XIII's 1912 Hispano-Suiza 15T

gradient, at an average speed The historic 2.6-litre Aston Martin DB2 of 54mph. Brooks claims that the reauction opens for viewing next Thursday will be a royal blue 1927 Daimler. With its long stored Hispano-Suiza lives up to the claim in the company's original catalogue that "the bonnet, protruding rounded boot and spare wheel mounted facility of manipulation, the quick response and great force of the motor render our varion the running board, the car would look perfectly at home ous models extremely easy to in Bonnie and Clyde but its drive at all speeds and make coachwork was given the very them cars par excellence for respectable name of "Doctor's touring and for sport." Coupé" in the 1920s. Almost as striking when the

It is comprehensively equip-ped with nickel electric light-

ing, windscreen-mounted swivel spotlight, wooden lathed petrol tank, opening windscreen and carriage style loop door handles. Its basic price in 1927 was £490; on Friday it is expected to fetch between

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the overhead camshaft Frazer Founded in 1937, Atalanta

body and went to South Africa in the 1930s, returning to taken by a slightly more modern but even rarer model: Britain in 1991. one of only two V12 Atalantas believed to have survived. The marque was the brainchild of A.C. Bertelli of Aston Martin and Alfred Gough, designer of

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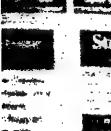
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BEFORE Rover met and married BMW, the UK firm had a long flirtation with Honda, out of which was born the Civic and its close relative, the latest Rover 400,

Vaughan Freeman writes. The British-built Civic launched in 1995, is the sort of car that proves newest is not necessarily best when it comes to

investing in motoring.

A used but still farfrom-old Civic 1.4-litre five-door Electric Pack, is as rock solid as an investment as it is durable as a form of transport, reports CAP Black Book. The car gives enough performance, but not too much. is adequately equipped



and the design, both inside and out, is perfectly acceptable.

This is the ultimate car for the motorist who is interested primarily in a vehicle that is comfortable, drives well, is excellently put together and which when the time comes to sell or partexchange will still be worth something.

If you want a car that will turn from Jekyll to Hyde when you are away from the family and not on a school run, the Civic most certainly is not it. However, if you want high quality work inside the cabin, a lack of weird and wacky design, no tack and a functional, dashboard layout, then the Civic is for you. M and N registered cars are best value, and expect to pay between £8,500 and £8,995 for a 1.4 five-door Electric Pack with low



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Zip, with its liquid-cooled 50cc power

plant, is in the showroom at £1,099. Both

scooters have the "twist and go" automatic gearbox which is encourag-

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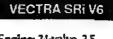
#### ROAD TEST

offers impressive sporty per-formance and handling as well as all the equipment that any motorway-pounding company car driver would regard as essential. It gets from 0-62 in eight seconds and on to a claimed 143mph maximum. But more important is the mid-range acceleration allied

to precise steering, an ideal combination for overtaking at speed. Developed with the help of Lorus engineers, it's a convincing flagship for a range that has been steadily improved since launch.

But it still suffers two drawbacks: the hatchback version feels cramped in the back seats, which lack sufficient headroom for taller passengers, and the suspension, although much improved, gives a lumpy ride on rough roads transmitting too much of the surface to the driver. This deterioration in ride comfort is often the trade-off when sporty versions are created of cars that begin life as saloons or hatchbacks. It's probably not that important to a driver who buys simply for the "sporty feel", but it makes an uneasy compromise in a family car.

£60,929 (£61,544 on the road). The range-topper (above) promises to ally super-luxury with super-performance. underlining Audi's re-emergence of recent years. An uprated 4.2-litre engine delivers 340 brake horse power through an automatic five-speed gearbox, though all cars get the Tiptronic sequential manual system too. That is good enough for a 0-60mph take-off time of 5.5 seconds and an electronicallylimited maximum of 155mph. Inside, there is a satellite navigation system, onboard computer and electric everything ... including a few electric things you have never even thought of yet.



Engine: 34-valve, 25litre Vô giving lo8bhp at 5.800rpm Transmission: Fivespeed manual

Performance: 0-62mph in eight secs. Max speed 143mph. Economy: Urban 20mpg; extra urban 36.2mpg: combined 28.0mpg.

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Best news is that a Samara means that a miscone.

also come with Trafficmaster. the handy motorway-jam-busting gadget as standard. Vauxhall was the first manclocked. Cheats can make money "clocking" Ladas just as on any other ufacturer to fit this as standard equipment and it can be a valuable time-saver. It works from a network of 2,500 sen-

tions and a voice warning automatically interrupts radio, cassette or CD if any problems loom up to 10 miles or two motorway junctions These constant improvements were needed in a car that had a difficult start in life: pitched into head-on competi-

tion with the much-praised Ford Mondeo and immediately challenged by the classfront bruke pads (axle set) £30; rear shock absorber £54; alternator leading Peugeot 406, other contenders, such as the im-£121; starter motor £129; radiator £126. pressive Nissan Primera, have come along since.

It's tough turf to fight over. But as Vauxhall's engineers go on tweaking the Vectra, the gloomy sentimental chorus of the "keep the Cavalier" crowd now seems a distant echo.



The recent news that Ladas would no longer be imported into Britain sparked unlikely reports of motorists clamouring to buy one of the last cars available. The Samara was the "modern" Lada launched in 1987 with LL. 1.3 and 1.5 little four-cylinder petrol engines, as a three and five-door hatch

Despite front-wheel-drive and fully independent suspension, the Samara feels basic and

Early cars (pre 1993) are even more likely to suffer from build

functional. Lada designers were

in the sort of creature comforts long enjoyed by Fors, Honda and Vaunhall

quality problems than their more modern counterparts. The 1100cc 52bhp cars are fairly feeble and asthmatic, and just do

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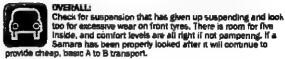


LOOK FOR: The 1.3 (55bhp) and 1.5 (75bhp) little cars are the ones to go for, and the estate versions in particular have developed an enthusiastic following among those looking for rough and ready load carriers. Check the car has not been











The Vauxhall Vectra

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Take this paragraph, straight from the press release for a new car to our showrooms in November. and try to guess what it means: this car is "both classic and modern, luxurious but fluid". Eh? Anyway, it apparently also has "pure and sober external styling" which "reflects the central theme of elegance. The combination of a plunging nose and a more compact rear give [the car] the looks of a sparky thoroughbred. The muscled short rear suggests latent power."

With those inspiring words chiming in my addled brain, I walked all around this car; I peered inside. I looked in the boot, I even had a look underneath — but it still looked like a Citroën to me. Not even a very interesting Citroën.

Then there was the reasoning

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Engines: Four-cyclinder 1.4-litre - 2-litre petrol plus 1.9-litre diesel and turbodiesel. 1.4 gives 75bhp, 2-litre 167bhp and 1.9TD 90bhp. Performance: 1.4-litre: 0-62mph in 14.1 secs, 110mph. 2-litre: 8.7 secs, 138mph, 1.9TD: 12.8 secs, 111mph. Economy: (combined cycle) 1.4-litre: 39.2mpg; 2-litre 30mpg; 1.9TD 42.8mpg Features: Child-lock warning, audio controls on steering wheels. Prices: From £11,000.

behind the name for the replacement for the ZX: Xsara. Handy hint from Citroën here; it is pronounced Zara — captures the imagination apparently, implying French taste and high standing. Or look at it another way. Xsara is the latest batty name to follow the Xantia and the Paxo, sorry Saxo.

Ignore the hyperbole because this new Citroen frankly looks



much like the others. I sometimes wonder what the designers get up to for the four years it takes to put together an all-new car like the Xsara. I can only assume that Art Blakeslee, Citroën's genial American design chief, starts off with something radical which committee upon committee gradually whittle down to the same Euro-bland we see from every manufacturer.

Citroëns used to be quirky, they used to be pretty — all swooping noses and bodywork like a missile. They stood out from the crowd. But they didn't hang together too well, always a disincentive when you are looking for big sales — and Citroën wants to shift 300,000 Xsaras a year, with around two-thirds for export. So the PSA Peugeot-Citroën conglomerate of soon-to-retire boss

steering Jacques Calvet decreed that Citroën must not step out of the Euro-line if it was to muscle into Ford Escort territory: quirky is out, conformity

and reach

adjustable

The PR boys might be sending a different message in the press release, but truth is that when you see the Xsara (pronounced Zara) you will decide it looks like a Xantia (pronounced Zantia)

shorter. Nothing radical here it seems for an investment close to

To be fair, the Xsara looks leasantly not bad, quite nice ish. Er. that's it. The seven engines five petrol from 1.4 to 2-litre, two 1.9 diesels, one turbo-charged - are carried over from ZX and most of the features, switchgear and trims are all recognisably Citroen.

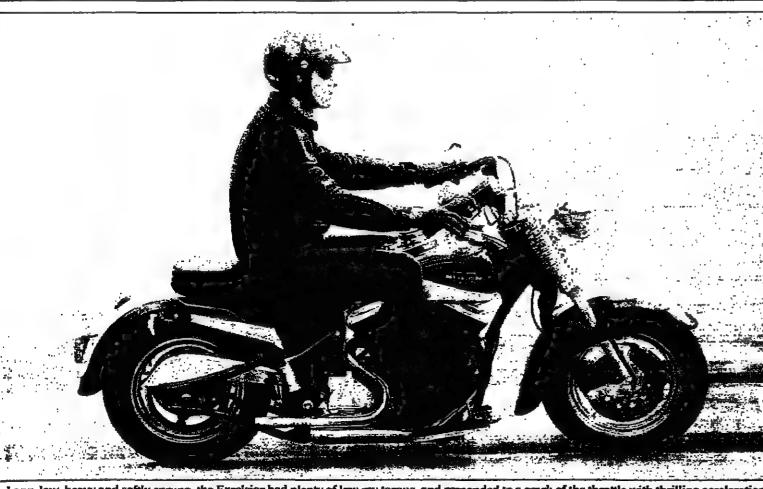
Detailing is clever with lots of storage space and Citroën introduces a height and reach adjustable steering column for a more relaxed driving position. Hi-fi controls come on to the steering wheel and the interior does live up to Citroen's claim to be the roomiest in its class, with a big boot and bags of legroom. Citroen has concentrated hard on the sort of big-car features normally missing in this class: open the door and it clicks through three positions so you don't throw the door open in a car. park and whack the car next door, Citroen says safety has been improved with doors which have an extra lower connecting point to resist frontal impacts. Side airbags will also be available. And Cirroen kicks into touch its keypad security system, which needed the driver to

punch in a code before turning the ignition. The Xsara gets a security system activated by a simple, twobutton remote transponder key.

Alongside the hatchbacks comes a coupé, which will also be available as a roaring 2-litre, 167 brake horse power sportster, badged VTS, with a 0-62mph time of 8.7 seconds and top speed of 124mph. The rest of the range is slightly more staid; the 75bhp 1.4 swaps speed (0-62 in 14.1 seconds, top 109mph) for frugality, offering an average 39mpg, while the non-turbo diesel's 44mpg is

positively miserly. So Xsara joins the UK market high on equipment and detail, with proven engines and potentially good reliability levels, even if does not look much different to the competition. No prices announced yet, but Xsara will be competitive probably starting around £11,000. to nunch a hole in a segment of the market for small-ish cars which

claims around a third of all sales. Meanwhile, as you save up pound coins until November, feast your eyes on the classic and modern, luxurious but fluid style of the new Xsara (pronounced Zara) and if you find out what it all



Long, low, heavy and softly-sprung, the Excelsior had plenty of low-rev torque, and responded to a crack of the throttle with thrilling acceleration

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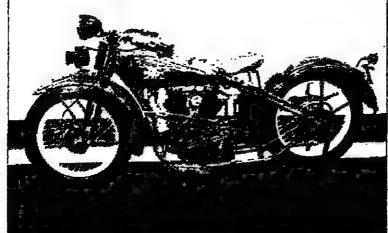
ention the name Ex-celsior-Henderson to the average motorcyclist today, and the chances are that they won't know what you are talking about. Repeat mose words in a few years' time. and you might be offered a ride on the big V-twin cruiser of that name

parked in the same rider's garage. Excelsior-Henderson, one of the "Big Three" American bike manufacturers in the 1920s, is on the way hack. Late next year, a 1.386cc heavyweight cruiser called the Super X is due to begin rolling off inc production line of a new Excessior-Henderson factory in Belle Plaine, Minnesota, A legend whose last model was introduced more than 60 years ago will be back

on the road. It was only a matter of time. Such has been the recent success of kee firm's sales are soaring: turnover exceeds \$1 billion - that entrepreneurs were bound to try and take a piece of the pie. The most likely revival was that of Indian, which built V-twins until 1953 and is the most famous of the fallen American marques. But although several individuals claimed ownership of the trademark, and outlined plans for impressive new bikes, none could raise the necessary

finance. The Indian trail went cold. Excelsior-Henderson is less wellknown than Indian, but that was not the case in the 1920s, when the firm's Excelsior V-twins and Henderson fours were built at Chicago in the world's largest motorcycle factory. Fast and luxurious, they were ridden by Hollywood stars and celebrities including Charles Lindbergh and Henry Ford. But America's Depression, plus the falling cost of cars, led to the

factory's closure in 1931. The Excelsior-Henderson name remained unused until 1992. Then, brothers David and Dan Hanlon acquired rights to Excelsior-Henderson, quit their jobs and set about raising some money. The brothers. both in their forties, shared a



passion for bikes - and, more importantly, each had a successful

background in business By the summer of 1995 the Hanlons had raised \$3.5 million of private backing, employed several people in their headquarters at Minneapolis and had begun work on the first Super X prototype. The investment required is \$20-30 mililion, so we need a serious backer." admitted David Hanlon "But if we don't find the money immediately. we'll do what every company from

Harley-Davidson to General Mo-

tors has done — keep trying."
The Hanlons' timing was right, as was their approach. Last August. Excelsior-Henderson was awarded \$15m of local funding towards a \$50m factory at Belle Plaine. Minnesota, near the farm where the brothers grew up. In September, Excelsior announced that a further \$11.5m had been raised by selling stock in the company.

There is now little doubt that

Excelsion-Henderson will soon be

factory in Minnesota building bikes again, following in the tyre tracks of Triumph, the Leicestershire firm whose rebirth is the only recent motorcycling event of similar importance. Six years after launching its first bikes. Triumph is now an established manufacturer with an annual output of over 15,000 units. Excelsior-

machines five years later. Linking the two firms is British



David and Dan Hanlon above with David's wife, Jennie, another director of the company - got their timing and approach right and have won funding for a \$30 million

challenges and this project was very exciting." he says. The firm's first model shares its Super X name with the old Excelsior company's best-known bike. Its format blends traditional American styling and features - high handlebars, footboards, big mud-guards and a large-capacity V-twin engine — with modern engineer-ing. The 1386 cc motor is cooled by air and oil and features four-valve cylinder heads, twin overhead cam-Henderson, which aims to build shafts and a power output of about 80bhp — considerably more than 4,000 bikes in 1998, intends to have 450 employees producing 20,000

any standard Harley.

My short ride on a prototype did

engineer Allan Hurd, a key figure not allow firm conclusions, but was in establishing Triumph's factory enough to give the impression that the Super X will have much to offer at Hinckley and who now faces a similar task at Excelsior-Henderriders looking for an American-style cruiser. The Excelsior is long. son, having left Leicestershire to set up and run the Minnesota plant. "It low, heavy and softly-sprung; built was a big step, but life's all about. for relaxed and comfortable travel at a pace well below its likely 120mph top speed. The fuel-injected motor had plenty of low-rev torque, and responded to a crack of the

throttle with thrilling acceleration. It remains to be seen how the American public will respond to the Super X, which will cost about \$20,000 (Ei2,500) — competitive with a top-of-the-range Harley when it goes on sale across America. (Exports are scheduled for one or two years later.) But for Excelsior-Henderson, the signs are good. It looks as though Harley-Davidson will soon have some serious American competition once again.

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David Long looks at the great racing heritage of Renault and traces a unique survivor



### A marque that has led for 90 years

at Silverstone on Sat-urday, five World Championships, two world champions, more than 85 race wins and for nine years the power behind the Williams team.

Yet how many enthusiasts, minutely conversant with every Villeneuve or Alesi lap time, realise that Renault's grand prix heritage dates back more than 90 years? On the weekend of June 26 1906 held over two days on a 64-mile circuit just outside Le Mans, the first grand prix race ever run was won by a 13-litre, fourcylinder Renault AK.

By any standards it was an historic win, but for Renault it was merely another in a string of victories and part of Louis Renault's determination to put his pioneering designs before the public. The great thing at the time was not circuit racing but long-distance town-totown events. Louis won his first of these in 1899, piloting a single-cylinder car from Paris the following year along with

louse and Paris-Berlin. But it was in 1902 that the company really made its mark when his brother Marcel took the company's new 3.4-litre Model K to first place in the celebrated Paris-Vienna marathon, beating 136 other competitors and arriving at the finishing line so far shead of the field that race officials were not even there to

28th, but it mattered little as his brother's win was more than enough to propel the company to the first rank of manufacturers, establishing the configuration of the Model K as the new ideal for a "light car". Production of a touring version, dubbed the NA and in effect a smaller-engined version of the racer, started almost immediately.

How many found their way to this country is impossible to establish, but we tracked down Britain's only survivor to the Herts/Essex border, the home of its owner and restorer George Dorrington

Having studied engineering

served with the Royal Electri-Louis himself came in only during the Second World War, George is now retired from his family's bakery business. His joy is a workshop and barn full of veteran and Edwardian cars, among them the extreme-ly rare Renault NA. He bought his first Renault, a 1913 "Doctor's Coupé", about

at Bristol University, and

35 years ago and still uses it regularly. most recently driving more than 700 miles to the Loire Valley and back. But it is the NA which has pride of place, and not just because of its historical connections. It is one of only four NAs still known to exist, three if you discount an

Australia.

George acquired his, or rather most of it, in the late 960s when it was evident that there was a lot missing, including the chassis, front axle and steering gear and Re-nault's distinctive radiators.

ncredibly, five years later

Past glories: George Dorrington and his Renault NA, one of only three left in the world

most of the missing components turned up on a farm in Normandy. Better still, once George had cleaned them up, he discovered that the engine and chassis numbers matched up, proving they had come from the same car.

There was still no sign of the missing radiators, however, so cating more than 3,200 little approximately 1,000-mile company centenary next year.

cooling fins and cropping nearly 13,000 corners before they could be soldered on. That was in 1977, at which time George helped organise a commemorative run to cele-Renault's great victory, deciding to rebody his own car for the event as an exact replica of Marcel Renault's right down to the race number: 147.

George admits having to drill more than 6,000 holes in the searbacks was "a bit of a bore", but that is how Marcel liked it, and anyway, after the radiators, building a replica body was comparatively sim-Once completed it joined other venerable Renaults leaving Paris to tackle the

Present friumph: Villeneuv triumphis at Silverstone. Renauli-engined Benetions were placed 2nd and 3rd

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route across Europe. For Re-nault it was a double celebration as the event also marked. the 75th anniversary of their activities in Britain.

Two decades on, the four-cylinder 2.6-litre side-valve engine is still going strong. Developing 14 horsepower at a leisurely 1,200 rpm with drip-feed lubrication, a leatherclutch, an extremely tricky quadrant gearchange and hand-operated brakes acting only on the rear wheels, the NA is clearly not for the fainthearted. But in the right hands, says George, it is good for 50mph and will do it allday without complaining.

And he should know. George reckons he has already done more than 35,000 miles in the old lady, taking part in every Brighton run since 1977. letting Nigel Mansell have a go around Brooklands a few years back, and driving to numerous events and rallies in the UK, Ireland, France, Andorra, Corsica and Sardinia Already George is planning how to celebrate the Renault

#### STEERING COLUMN

### Finding the winners by a long stalk

f you want to know about snails and speed. ask Neil Riseborough. Come the weekend, Neil trades a Valmet 8100 tractor for the comforts of a Renault Savannah, taking to the mad as managing di-rector of Snails on Tour,

Simon Hacker writes. Neil is Britain's only official small trainer. Snails selected from his farm near King's Lynn are carefully observed for their potential to get up and go. The spritcliest qualify to join the 1997 tour programme. The least singgish have been limbering up in prepara-tion for the World Small Racing Championships in Congham, Norfolk today, the high point of Britain's snail racing calendar.

The shell should be acrodynamic, like a decent

sports car," he says. "The shallower the swiri, the quicker it is go. The length of eye stalks is also important in a photo-finish, the longer-stalked snail will be

The drama boilds up, but the race can be over in mere hours. Rogue private en-tries have been highly suc-cessful: the 0-60 millimetres per hour record was smashed in 1995 by Archie. who covered lims in a feverish 120 seconds. powering his way into the Guinness Book of Records.

What's your first driving

Probably on my dad's lap on a tractor, although I remember first holding the

What was your first car? A two-tone green and cream Triumph Heraid, bought for £15 with no MoT.

What car do you drive now and why?

A L7-litre petroi Renault Savannah, a seven-seater. With the demands of three children and the 1997 tour programme, we needed something a little different A people carrier was too pricey and this was next best. When you're buying a snail-friendly car you have to think about ventilation, circulation and humidity climate control is very imcan dramatically impair a snail's performance.

Do you enjoy driving?

The longer I'm married, the harder it gets. Norfolk is a great county for driving though — the volume of traffic is so much less here.

What is your dream car!

A Chrysler Voyager. We drove one on holiday in Canada last year and thought if was brilliant.

Which is your most hated

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Neil Riseborough reflects on one of his contenders

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The Superbike series is based on roadbikes and last year 57,000 turned out to watch the racing. The crowd this year is expected to be bigger and to provide vocal support to top home riders: Carl Fogarty, Neil Hodgson, his Ducati team-mate and Suzuki's Whitham, And our reader offer for VIP viewing is

# French, classy, stylish and very fast

From the banks of the Loire, the

hand-built Venturi is back in

Britain. Ian Morton is impressed

Porsche, Jaguar, Mercedes. Lotus? Pre-owned Bentley, Aston or Ferrari? Heavy end of Audi or BMW? Or Venturi? Hand-built on the banks of the Loire near Nantes, Venturi made a brief but unsustained gesture at the UK supercar market a few years ago. In informed circles, the marque is known for gritty competition in Europe, including six finishes in eight Le Mans outings. Now owned by a Thai motor group called Nakarin-Benz, run by ex-Lotus MD

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Kensington-based Aston spe-cialist Nicholas Mee, it is backed with serious intent. And why not? The lure of the new and exotic was ever a feature of the up-market motoring fringe, and the Venturi Atlantique 300 offers the two basic requisites - powerful, stareworthy styling and stirring performance. Capable of 174mph. it is the fastest production car made in France

Mike Bishup and imported by

today. Better still, it is logical. Those lines and curves are elegantly drawn yet compactly athletic, the wide frontal grille and driving lights are particu-larly fetching, the cabin acknowledges no current fad and nothing is going to look dated in a hurry. The composire body clothes a stout steel chassis, and all the visible inner parts look as carefully finished as the skin. The turbocharged engine, sited amidships, is a development of the brawny and well-seasoned 3litre Renault V6 and drives a

proven transmission. Driving cold into London traffic in an expensive, unknown car con remain a slightly daunting experience even after 30 years of testing. but I cannot recall one more instantly friendly than this. The control area, reminiscent of Lotus but more integrated.

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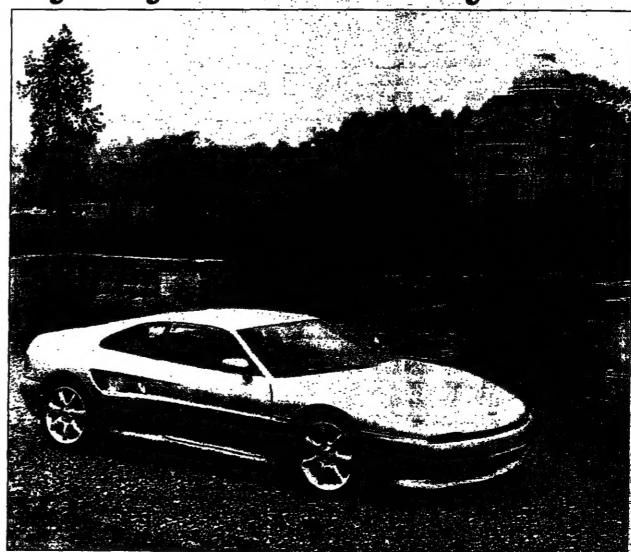
mounts smallish individual instruments in a burr-walnut

ompletes a welcoming club environment, the seats are well shaped and comfortable, and for a squat two-seater there is a lot of space. While casual stowage is confined to four small lidded boxes, there is space for long-weekend luggage under the bonnet and behind the engine.

The engine grows affably, the steering is sizely weighted, the turning circle is tight and the only thing which militares against ease is the height at which you drive - the roof is 3ft 10in above the road and you have a handspan of headroom below that.

While the full 28thp is not delivered until 5.300rpm, the turbocharger comes in a warble and a whire at about 2,700rpm. and in a car weighing less than 25cm that can mean only one thing - a rush of incremental impetus that leaves all but the fiercest

opposition blinking. But while this is a blatant epporturist of a car, it is also a gorgeous cruiser, settling into arrow-straight stability, mechanical neises such as they are (at 70mph in lifth, the



Venturi Atlantique 300: those lines and curves are elegantly drawn yet compactly athletic and the car is instantly friendly

engine is only doing 2.500rpm) lost in the reassuring rumble of broad low-profile Michelins. The faster the Venturi runs, the smoother it rides.

Mee rates it a natural alternative for customers sated on Porsches and intends a modest 25 a year, so rarity should be a no-charge extra. Buyers will be welcome at Nantes and Mee intends to be at the Earl's Court Motor Show. He wants to see Venturi in the "pyramid of icons" to which small boys of all ages aspire. Initial



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# Sit down, tune in and cut the grass

t's time to mow the grass. So relax in your garden chair, pour a gin and tonic and tune the radio to the Test match. For close by is the Kuh, just awaiting orders to transform an embryo hayfield into a green

This radio-controlled horticultural wonder, the PX-2100 mower, is made by the Japanese company Kubota. With four-wheel drive, four-wheel steer, a 927cc diesel engine and drive-by-wire technology, it cuts a dash in any garden. All you do is operate a couple of little joysticks on a radio controller which look after acceleration, braking, steering and forward and reverse func-



Kubota's UK marketing manager. Stuart Ellis, gave me some dual instruction before I made my first solo, the Kub accelerating to Smph in four seconds. Would it end up in the pond? Up a tree? In the road? In fact, it was all very simple and within minutes 1 was stretching out lazily in my chair watching the Kub scyth-ing a 5ft wide swathe of grass 100 yards away. The PX-2100 is a king

among the garden tractor set and at £18,000 including VAT, so it should be. Said Ellis: "We sell them mainly to water companies which need to cut grass on steep slopes and don't want to risk an operator on a regular tractor. It will climb a 35 degree slope, but it is fine for domestic use too. Like other garden tractors, it does not give the sort of immaculate finish that a cylinder mower with roller will provide, but for people with large grass areas

In Britain the market for ride-ons and garden tractors (a ride-on has a rear engine, a tractor a front engine has soared in the past 10 years. As well as the exotic PX-2100. Kubota produces a wide range and there are many other makes from which to choose,

starting at around £1,000. Philip Knott, general man-ger of Mokut of Spellbrook. Herriordshire, says that rideons are generally fine for up to



customers really should look at tractors, which have a wider curter deck and more power. Buying a tractor is a little like buying a car. So test drive

it before deciding. Check on manoeuvrability and turning circle. On some models a grass sweeper or collector adds considerably to the length. Ensure that the steering is not heavy, the gearbox is light and easy to use, the brake pedal well positioned and the seat supthe cutter deck should be simple and not call for much muscle power.

although Kubota's range are all diesel except for one petrol model. Like cars, ride-ons and garden tractors depreciate the moment they are used. Typically, after two years value has dropped by two-thirds, albe worth more. Cheaper ones tend to be traded in after two or three years and often are not thoroughly serviced. Bigger tractors are generally looked after more carefully and kept longer. They should last for at least 10 years. But beware service costs: They

warms Knott. I have an American V-twin Snapper with 16HP engine and hydrostatic drive. It will harrow, roller or trailer and is wonderful entertainment for young children: tractor rides in a mucky trailer - with a sharp eye to safety - are de rigueur up to the age of five.
But its winter service costs E172. Typically, a tractor service is between £100 and £140 including new cutter blades and belts, says Knott. The cost

are usually more than a car," also covers collection, delivery and steam cleaning: "Air-

cleaning. The fuel tank is normally emptied and cleaned too, because debris and grass may get in when refuelling." So that chugging little grass-

slicing tractor can be expensive. But it can be good fun to use - even without radio control. Driving my Snapper with Walkman earphones in place and ear defenders clamped over the top to keep must meet EU noise and

on a sunny afternoon. I can pretend I'm a man of the soil. Or I could until Roy Wilkinson my farmer neighbour who is into serious tractors spotted me. From the evric of his cab across the fence came a shouted question and a friend-

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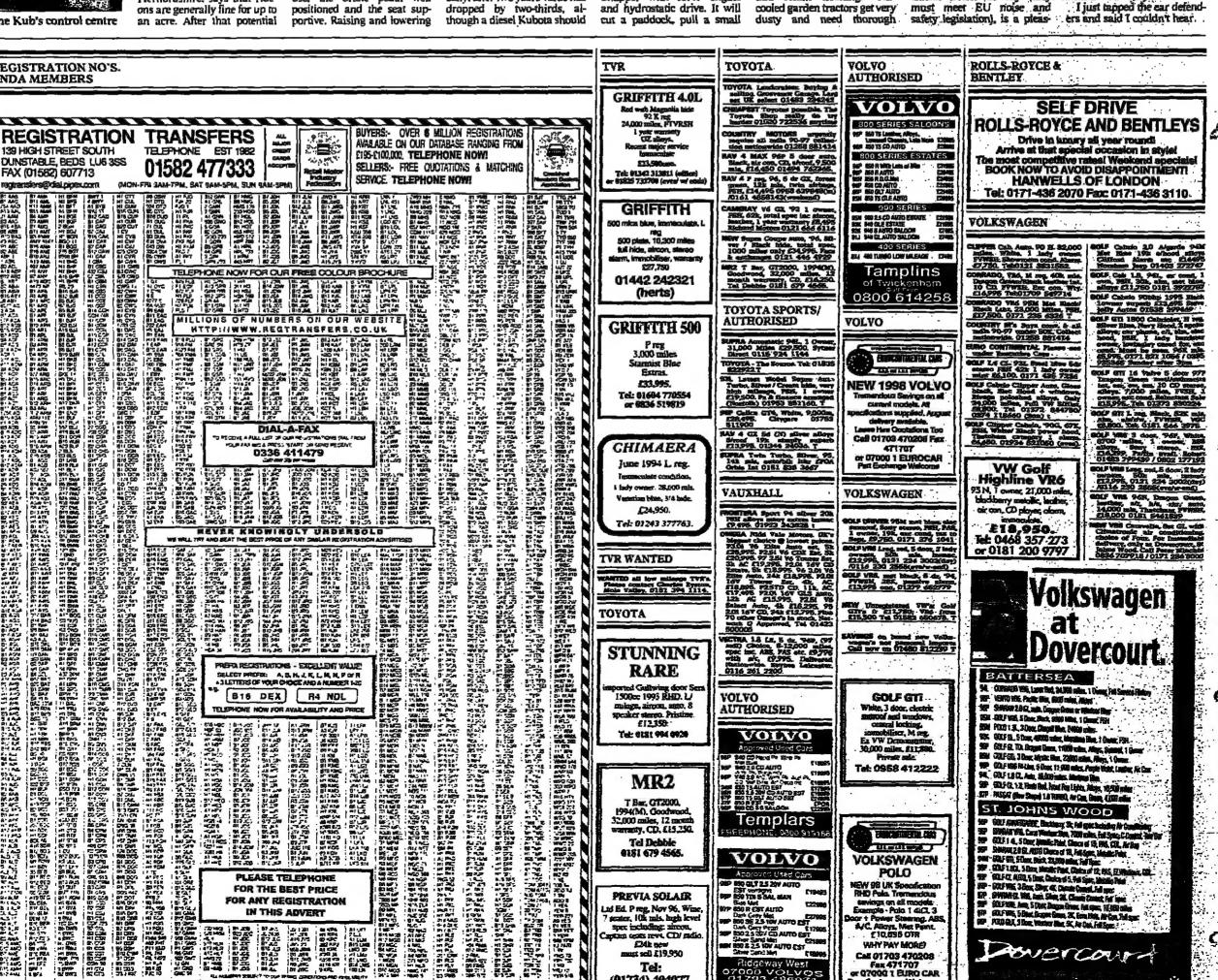
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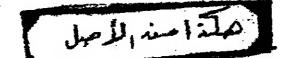
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